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No cause known in fatal fire

Blaze killed mom, 2 kids in Benton Harbor

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The cause of a fire that claimed the lives of a mother and two children early Sunday morning has not been determined, Benton Harbor Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis said Monday.

McGinnis identified the people who died as Amanda (Dortch) Hackney, 30, her son Markese Dortch, 15, and daughter Sha'tari Razor, 12.

The surviving husband and stepfather is Mark Hackney, 38.

McGinnis said his department has connected the family with grief counseling services and, "Our prayers continue to go out to the family in this extremely difficult time."

The Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety responded to the fire at 4:53 a.m. at 185 Bellview St., according to McGinnis.

Michael Phelps, deputy director of fire services for the BHDPS, said he believes the fire was called in by a neighbor. When firefighters arrived, the heat and flames were such that firefighters could not go inside. He said the upper floor of the two-family apartment house collapsed down to the first floor, which was unoccupied.

"We were unable to make entry," Phelps said. He said Mark Hackney had jumped out a second story window and was outside when firefighters arrived. He was treated at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, for smoke inhalation and an injury that is not life-threatening.

Phelps said the home is a rental. He said the house, owned by Carlton Williams, had working smoke alarms that were blaring when firefighters arrived.

McGinnis said he said he is awaiting a final report from the Michigan State Police fire marshal before declaring the cause of the fire officially as undetermined.

The BHDPS was assisted by the Benton Township Fire Department and St. Joseph Department of Public Safety.

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A mother and her two children died in a fire early Sunday morning at 185 Bellview St. in Benton Harbor. Officials are still investigating what caused the blaze at the duplex apartment building.

Photo provided

Kennedy Melton of Baroda was recently named the Outstanding 20 Year Old Exhibitor by the Berrien County Youth Fair Board. Melton has been showing at the fair since she was 5 years old.

Uncommon dedication

Long-time 4-H'er wins Outstanding 20-year-old Exhibitor award

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Kennedy Melton set a goal when she was young that wouldn't pay off until she was 20.

"Outstanding 20-year-old Exhibitor was one of the awards that I have dreamed of my entire life," she said.

Well, that dream came true two weeks ago, when the Berrien County Youth Fair Board finally bestowed the award to Melton.

Selection of this award is based on a point system covering Youth Fair participation and volunteering other than fair week over the last six years of exhibiting. Melton received a trophy and a $300 scholarship award provided by the D. R. Potts Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Melton, now 21, graduated from Bridgman High School in 2017. She is currently studying nursing at Ferris State University. She grew up in Baroda, where her parents still live, and she has two younger siblings.

Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Alexandra Newman recently talked with Melton about her career in 4-H and winning this prestigious fair award.

Q&A

KENNEDY MELTON

First, I'd love to hear about your career in 4-H and showing at the fair.

I've been showing at the fair since I was 5 years old. I started off mainly with still projects. I think I started showing chickens when I was 6 or 7. That was really the only animal I did. Then, my mom promised me a rabbit if I won my chicken showmanship class. I studied so hard, won that class, and started my career with rabbits.

When I was 13 or 14, I started llamas and getting more involved in the large animal aspect of it. I tried doing more and more and more through the fair after that.

I, at one point, was showing in every still barn. I showed cats, rabbits, poultry, pocket pets, I had llamas; I showed

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Local COVID-19 numbers continue to rise

Several closures announced as a result; some schools affected

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The number of new COVID-19 cases in Berrien County continued on its upward trajectory this weekend, while several area services announced closures on Monday.

Berrien County gained 223 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The previous weekend the county added 158 new cases.

During the same time, the county recorded 104 new recoveries, but no new deaths. Five new presumed cases were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 503 active COVID-19 cases. That's up from 369 last Monday and 384 on Friday. Reporting of new recoveries is usually higher on Tuesdays, so this figure could even out more as the week continues.

Berrien County was at a 7.7 percent positivity rate for testing, as of late last week.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 30 COVID-19-positive patients, as of Monday morning. That's the same as on Friday and down from 34 last Monday.

Closures

The Berrien County Trial Court's Niles courthouse is closed now through at least Nov. 9 due to staffing issues related to COVID-19.

"Our continued compliance with the county health department testing, contract tracing, quarantine and isolation protocol impairs staffing capacity to provide full operation of court services at this time," the court stated in a news release.

No further information was released regarding how many staff members are affected. The courthouse will re-open as soon as health department directives can be satisfied, the court said.

All court hearings that were to be conducted in Niles are being rescheduled, with a few exceptions, and parties to all cases will be notified.

Niles filings and inquiries will be processed through the St. Joseph Courthouse, which remains operational.

Those with questions or concerns regarding matters set in the Niles courthouse should call the St. Joseph courthouse at 983-7111.

For more information, including how to contact each division of the court, visit www.berriencounty.org/1058/Trial-Court.

Also, the St. Joseph Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library announced Monday that it will close interior

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Due to virus, restaurants now taking names and phone numbers

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Meals at Michigan restaurants came with a new side dish Monday: What's your name and phone number?

The latest order kicked in from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's health department. Restaurants must be able to contact customers if there's a virus case linked to the business.

Michigan's coronavirus cases have risen significantly, setting a new daily high Saturday at 3,792, the health department said.

The state reported a Sunday-Monday total of 6,709 – an average of 3,354 each day – plus 17 additional deaths.

The Michigan Restaurants & Lodging Association insists COVID-19 transmission doesn't occur much at restaurants. The group predicts job losses and more financial struggles because of the requirement to get names and phone numbers of diners.

"You have guests that feel it's intruding on their personal liberties and freedoms, and now we've got to be the arbitrator of that," Jeff Lobdell, president of Restaurant Partners Management, which operates 12 eateries in western Michigan, told WOOD-TV.

Restaurants, bars and other venues must seat no more than six people at a table. The state said indoor settings are much more likely to drive COVID-19 outbreaks than outdoor settings.

The seven-day average of daily new, confirmed cases in Michigan has risen over the past two weeks from 1,379 to 3,113, a record. The seven-day average of daily deaths has increased from 14 to about 25 over the same period, though deaths remain well below the April peak of 157.

The state said 35 percent of Michigan's 7,357 COVID-19-related deaths have been people who were at skilled nursing facilities, homes for the elderly or in adult foster care.

Henry Ford Health System reported 177 COVID-19 patients Monday at five hospitals in southeastern Michigan, up 60 percent compared with a week ago.

Beaumont Health, Michigan's largest medical provider, said it had 239 patients Sunday, compared with 91 on Oct. 3. An additional 38 were suspected to have COVID-19.

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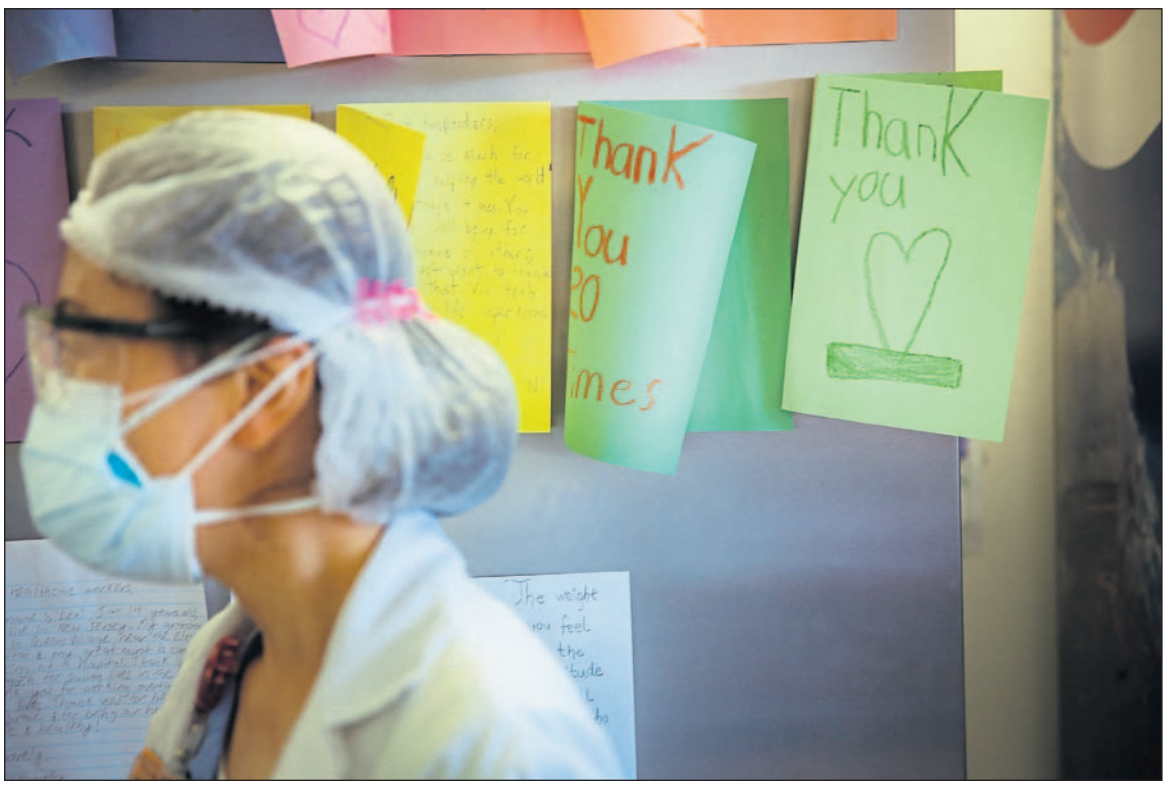
Hospitals competing for nurses as U.S. coronavirus cases surge

By TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press



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Letters of thanks from students adorn the walls of a break room that was set up for workers to decompress from the stresses of caring for COVID-19 patients at Elmhurst Hospital in New York on May 29. As the coronavirus pandemic surges across the nation and infections and hospitalizations rise, medical administrators are scrambling to find enough nursing help – especially in rural areas and at small hospitals.

FENTON — As the coronavirus pandemic surges across the nation and infections and hospitalizations rise, medical administrators are scrambling to find enough nursing help – especially in rural areas and at small hospitals.

Nurses are being trained to provide care in fields where they have limited experience. Hospitals are scaling back services to ensure enough staff to handle critically ill patients. And health systems are turning to short-term travel nurses to help fill the gaps.

Adding to the strain, experienced nurses are "burned out with this whole (pandemic)" and some are quitting, said Kevin Fitzpatrick, an emergency room nurse at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan, where several left just in the past month to work in hospice or home care or at outpatient clinics.

"And replacing them is not easy," Fitzpatrick said.

As a result, he said, the ER is operating at about five nurses short of its optimal level at any given time, and each one typically cares for four patients as COVID-19 hospitalizations surge anew. Hospital officials did not respond to requests for comment.

But the departures are not surprising, according to experts, considering not only the mental toll but the fact that many nurses trained in acute care are over 50 and at increased risk of complications if they contract COVID-19, while younger nurses often have children or other family to worry about.

"Who can actually work and who feels safe working are limited by family obligations to protect their own health," said Karen Donelan, professor of U.S. health policy at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management. "All of those things have been factors."

Donelan said there is little data so far on how the pandemic, which has killed more than 231,000 people in the country, is affecting nursing overall. But some hospitals had a shortage even before the virus took hold, despite a national rise in the number of nurses over the past decade.

With total confirmed coronavirus cases surpassing 9 million in the U.S. and new daily infections rising in 47 states, the need is only increasing.

Wausau, Wisconsin-based Aspirus Health Care is offering $15,000 signing bonuses for nurses with at least a year of experience and hiring contract nurses through private staffing companies to handle a surge in hospitalizations that prompted the system to almost quadruple the number of beds dedicated to COVID-19 patients.

Aspirus, which operates five hospitals in Wisconsin and four in small communities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, also is moving nurses around between departments and facilities as hot spots emerge, said Ruth Risley-Gray, senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Aspirus.

Outside help still is needed, in part because some nurses have gotten sick from or were exposed to the cornavirus during the current wave, which "came with a vengeance" starting in August, Risley-Gray said. At one point in mid-October, 215 staffers were in isolation after showing symptoms or being exposed to someone who tested positive, and some are just starting to return to work.

Aspirus recently was able to hire 18 nurses from outside agencies, and may need more if the surge continues.

Because the pandemic is surging just about everywhere in the country, hospitals nationwide are competing for the same pool of nurses, offering pay ranging from $1,500 a week to more than $5,000, said April Hansen, executive vice president at San Diego-based Aya Healthcare, which recruits and deploys travel nurses.

She said demand for their services has more than doubled since early in the pandemic when the greatest need was in hot spots like New York and New Jersey and then moved to southern states. In recent weeks the virus has been spiking across the country, with the new hot spots in places like the rural upper Midwest and southern-border communities such as El Paso, Texas.

Now placing nurses where they're needed is "like a giant game of whack-a-mole," said Hansen, whose company has about 20,000 openings for contract nurses.

In North Dakota, where infection rates are exploding, hospitals may cut back on elective surgeries and seek government aid to hire more nurses if things get worse, North Dakota Hospital Association president Tim Blasl said.

In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott recently announced he was sending 75 nurses and respiratory therapists to El Paso to help handle the city's surge. Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, meanwhile, issued emergency orders making it easier for nurses from elsewhere to practice in his state and for retired nurses to come back.

"This has been a challenge, and we've been pleading with the community members to protect themselves and others," by wearing masks and social distancing, said Aspirus' Risley-Gray, who said the positivity rate among community members tested by Aspirus rose from under 10 percent in September to 24 percent last week.

To combat the emotional toll and fatigue that comes with caring for COVID-19 patients, including just donning and removing protective equipment all day, Aspirus has been giving nurses microbreaks and quiet places to get away and collect themselves when they feel overwhelmed.

Travel nurses say the need at small hospitals tends to be greater than at larger facilities.

Robert Gardner, who's currently assigned to a hospital in a small town about 20 miles west of Atlanta, said he did search and rescue in the Coast Guard during Hurricane Katrina and the pandemic is "a lot worse."

He worked at a large New Jersey hospital when that state was swamped by the virus in the spring, and now worries that flu season could bring further chaos to hospitals. But he's determined to stick it out, no matter what.

"It's not even a question," Gardner said. "Nursing is a calling."

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
4C-5C-10C-6S-7S
Midday Daily 3
1-8-9
Midday Daily 4
3-4-5-9
Daily 3
2-8-8
Daily 4
7-0-4-4
Fantasy 5
04-09-13-31-39
Keno
02-09-11-13-16-19-22-25-33-38-43-44-49-57-60-62-65-66-67-69-79-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$129 million
Powerball jackpot
$137 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
08-10-23-27-45
Estimated jackpot
$289,500
Cash4Life
02-12-28-50-60, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
13-15-16-21-25-26-31-33-34-35-37-43-45-52-55-67-68-72-73-78, BE: 73
Daily Three-Midday
0-9-5, SB: 7
Daily Three-Evening
4-5-2, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
9-7-0-5, SB: 7
Daily Four-Evening
9-5-2-8, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
04-08-09-17-19-20-22-32-38-46-47-48-53-55-58-61-69-72-75-78, BE: 8

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-18-32-38-45
Estimated jackpot
$100,000
Pick Three-Midday
0-4-5, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
4-9-9, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
1-1-9-6, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
4-9-5-4, Fireball: 6
Lucky Day Lotto
08-14-23-27-32
Estimated jackpot
$150,000

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Families, day cares feel strain of new health rules

By SALLY HO
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Ivan Thompson, left, smiles as his friend Ari O'Donnell arrives while teacher and administrator Latoya Oneal looks on during check-in at the Community Day Center for Children in Seattle on Oct. 29.

SEATTLE — Joelle Wheatley hit her pandemic-parenting rock bottom after her son was sent home from day care for a second time, with the sniffles, due to stricter health guidelines in a symptom-sensitive COVID-19 world.

It was supposed to be Jacob's first day back after a stressful 10-day home quarantine for another mild symptom that turned out to be harmless. Frustrated, desperate – there were no other care options, and she needed to focus on work – and certain that the 2-year-old's runny nose and cough were also benign, the Seattle mom defied the day care's orders and brought him back the next day anyway.

"I was just so sure he had a cold, and that sounds so irresponsible," said Wheatley, 43, who works at an early education nonprofit. "But I honestly was just in such a low place."

As more families make the jump back to group day care this fall in an attempt to restart lives and careers, many parents, pediatricians and care operators are finding that new, pandemic-driven rules offer a much-needed layer of safety but also seem incompatible with the germy reality of childhood.

They stem largely from coronavirus guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lowering the fever threshold, disqualifying even a single bout of diarrhea or vomiting and making sniffles suspect in group settings.

But the guidelines don't take into account that young children are prone to catching the common viral infections that help build up their immune systems, or that seasonal allergies, crying, even teething and normal playground exertion can prompt a COVID-19-like symptom.

And the price parents and kids pay for such symptoms – which could easily signal either a happy, healthy toddler, or a lurking case of the disease that has now killed more than 230,000 people in the U.S. – is now a dayslong disruption.

That's a reality Wheatley knows all too well: Jacob was turned away again on Day 2 and she then had to scramble to get him a coronavirus test and an appointment with a doctor who wrote a note confirming the boy was virus-free. It took two days to get Jacob back to preschool, causing her anxiety about his health and guilt over neglecting work.

Medical experts acknowledge the lines are blurry for kids with symptoms.

The CDC notes on its website that young children commonly have up to eight respiratory illnesses or colds each year as a matter of course. In its guidelines for K-12 schools, the CDC warns that excluding children for longer than "existing" policies over COVID-19 symptoms alone could cause unnecessary absences.

The American Academy of Pediatrics' latest child care guidelines released in October initially didn't include congestion, runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea on its symptoms checklist. Following questions from The Associated Press, the pediatricians' group updated its recommendations on Friday to include those symptoms in alignment with the CDC, calling it an oversight.

Dr. Elaine Donoghue, who helped write the pediatricians' child care guidelines, said any symptom must be taken seriously if it looks even vaguely like COVID-19. While young children are prone to minor infections, they now in theory face less exposure to those milder illnesses due to pandemic-related social distancing, and that means the calculus behind assessing symptoms changes.

"We should not be expecting certainty during a pandemic," Donoghue said. "This is an uncertain time."

Considered essential in many states, day cares are one of the few services that have remained open through the pandemic that's now stretched nine months and counting in the U.S. Numerous programs have permanently closed, though there are signs families are trickling back to preschool.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of people working in child care has recovered steadily in recent months. But while the 853,000 workers reported in September marks a 28 percent jump from April, it's still below the more than 1 million in the field a year ago.

Lois Martin, who runs the Community Day Center for Children in Seattle, said the learning curve has been steep for her staff since most of her families returned to the day care. The preschool teachers are now being asked to take on responsibilities requiring medical expertise, such as evaluating runny nose secretions based on thickness and color.

"This is definitely not the world we want our children to be in," Martin said.

In October, the Child Care Aware of America advocacy group released a national survey conducted by Yale researchers in May and June of more than 57,000 child care employees – including those who were and were not actively working at the time – and found no link to known positive coronavirus infections or hospitalizations among the workforce. The study's authors say this suggests that when done under such strict guidelines, child care can be safe from widespread transmission during the pandemic.

Wheatley and her husband have seen firsthand the benefits of having vigilant sanitizing, social distancing and symptom-checking: A teacher at their day care had the coronavirus in August, but it never spread to any other workers, kids or families.

So, the couple, who also have a 10-month-old baby, now figure future day care disruptions will become just another part of the new normal, with the kids inevitably being kicked out again when there's a hint of possible illness.

"It's not sustainable," Wheatley said. "Our solution is going to be suck it up and be unhappy and eventually move" to be near family who can help.

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Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist talks to first-time voters on the importance of voting during a campaign stop Monday afternoon in Benton Harbor.

Lt. governor stops in BH

Gilchrist urges participation in the process

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist told several first-time voters Monday in Benton Harbor that people need to vote so that not only are their voices heard, but people are elected who can make the changes they want to see happen.

One first-time voter said he had never voted before because he was uninformed.

"I didn't realize how important it was, and I never had anybody on that ballot that I could connect to," he said during Gilchrist's Outdoor Roundtable Discussion With Young Black Voters.

Several other people ranging in age from 20 to 25 echoed those words. One young man said that people need to be educated about how the process works so they know that their vote does count.

Benton Harbor was the fifth of seven stops Gilchrist made Monday as he campaigned to increase voter turnout for today's election.

Gilchrist challenged the young voters to encourage their friends to also vote.

"Part of that voice and creating that voice is convincing more people to participate," he said.

But Gilchrist said that for our country to work for everybody, it takes more than voting. It takes people being elected who come from a variety of backgrounds.

"For far too long, the people in power are trying to make decisions and govern over experiences they've never had," he said during the discussion. "... We have the power to change things because people change systems."

Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, fourth from left, meets with residents in Benton harbor Monday to talk about the importance of voting.

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist meets with young, first-time voters Monday afternoon in Benton Harbor.

After the roundtable event, Gilchrist said that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated problems that already existed, such as the lack of access to health care, housing instability and food insecurity.

"A lot of our elected officials have never had those experiences," he said. "They're only using their imagination rather than their experiences to decide how we move forward as a community. If we had a broader set of people represented in terms of identity and life experiences and economic experiences, I think we can get more robust policy solutions. ... The people closest to the problem are always the people closest to the solution."

Benton Harbor city Commissioner Ron Singleton hosted the event in his front yard.

"It does my heart good to see young folks get involved," Singleton said.

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BH already seeing record voter turnout

By LOUISE WREGE
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BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor Clerk Kimberly Thompson reported Monday that based on absentee voting, the city is on pace for a record voter turnout.

More than 2,000 absentee ballots were sent out by her office, with about 88 percent of them returned so far, she told city commissioners during their meeting Monday.

Also on Monday, city commissioners approved without comment the special use permit so NOBO Michigan can renovate a building at 107 Water St. to be a medical marijuana dispensary.

In addition, they approved a resolution to interview four people for the position of finance director for the city. To be interviewed are Joanna Basha of St. Joseph, Heidi Nevison of Rochester Hills, Christine Pauley of Carmel, Ind., and Jacquelyn Tramper of Firestone, Colo.

No timeline of when the interviews would take place was discussed.

City commissioners also approved a resolution calling for today to be an election day of grace so people can vote without fear of being arrested for nonviolent warrants.

But some commissioners said they voted for it with some hesitancy.

Commissioner Duane Seats said that the resolution should have gone before the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, because it's a countywide issue. He said that the city has never had a problem with people being arrested as they try to vote.

"I've been doing this long enough to know that there is no paddy wagon at some of the voting (locations)," he said.

He said he would support it, but he didn't want to put out there the false image that there's a problem with voting in the city.

Commissioner Sharon Henderson agreed.

"Benton Harbor is always used as political theater in these types of matters," she said. "We're always asked to do things that other communities are not asked to do. ... Sometimes, it feels like you're being bullied into doing something.'

She said that the few incidents that have happened were while the city was under a state-appointed emergency manager.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said that he talked with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, who told him about a Facebook post in which someone was threatening to disrupt voting at Benton Harbor High School.

"That person was never identified," he said.

He said he assured her that the local police were on top of it.

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51 communities get head start on processing absentee ballots

By TAYLOR DESORMEAU
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The aura of Election Day came a little early in Lansing on Monday, as about 50 workers set aside 10 hours of their day to open absentee ballots and get them ready to be processed once 7 a.m. hits on Election Day (today).

Lansing is one of 51 Michigan communities that got a head start on Monday thanks to a new state law passed this fall allowing the pre-processing of ballots to start early in select areas.

"(It's) a lot of the physical labor that goes into things," Secretary of State spokesperson Tracy Wimmer said. "So that 7 a.m. Tuesday morning when they can start counting, all they need to do is feed them through the tabulator."

Signatures on the ballot envelopes are verified upon arrival, but Monday's activities included opening up the envelopes, making sure the ballot number matches the one assigned to the voter and other logistical work to prepare them for Tuesday.

Secrecy sleeves on the ballots must be kept sealed until today. The ballots are counted in pairs, by one Democrat and one Republican to ensure fairness.

Cities and townships with populations of at least 25,000 were allowed to start pre-processing absentee ballots – but not actually tabulating them – from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday. Only some decided to do so, however.

The law only allows the change for this election – the state Legislature will later decide if it wants to make the change permanent.

"I just wanted to take advantage (of the new law) and get as much time as we could," Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope said. "And also to prove for future elections that this is a viable direction to head in."

Of the 1,500 jurisdictions in Michigan, the 51 that started pre-processing on Monday includes Detroit, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Flint and Kalamazoo.

Some states allow for more time and allow tabulating of ballots to start early, too. Election officials pushed for such measures, but the Republican-led legislature did not pass such measures.

The law could mean results are in 10 hours sooner in these communities, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said, since these activities normally couldn't start until Election Day. Benson checked in with cities getting this head start on Monday and said it's been mostly smooth.

"It actually has helped a lot of elections workers work through any kinks and smooth out the process for (Tuesday)," Benson said.

Some issues from Monday may foreshadow potential problems statewide today. At the TCF Center in Detroit, two poll challengers watching the process were kicked out, according to the Detroit Free Press. One refused to cover her nose with her mask and the other was wearing a horror-film-type mask and being disruptive.

A poll worker in Lansing was sent home after she refused to comply with the requirement to wear a mask, Swope said.

Election workers, poll challengers and poll watchers are required to wear masks at the polls. Voters are highly recommended to do so, but aren't required to mask up.

Finding election workers hasn't been difficult this year, Swope said, as many new people have signed up to help. The dilemma has been bringing back experienced workers – as some older poll workers are sitting this election out because of COVID-19 concerns.

"We're long on total numbers and a little bit short on experience," Swope said.

While the state isn't expecting final election results until Friday, this head start will allow Lansing to hopefully get all votes counted by late today or early Wednesday, Swope said. The city has more than 33,000 absentee ballots returned already – three times the 2016 total.

The city had just one high-speed tabulator in August and finished the count at 1 a.m. the morning after the Primary Election. Now, Lansing has four tabulators, which should help speed the process, Swope said.

IN BRIEF

'After the Vote' LMC faculty panel discussion planned

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The public is invited to join a post-election online discussion hosted by Lake Michigan College political science and psychology faculty. The discussion will take place Wednesday at 4 p.m.

LMC experts will provide analysis of the election results and discuss the implications for our political landscape moving forward, according to a news release.

Panel members include political science professor Dr. Tiffany Bohm and psychology professors Dr. Mya Hernandez and Dr. Amy Scrima. They will share nonpartisan insight and commentary into the national and local election results.

The event is free and open to the public. The Zoom meeting link is https://LakeMichiganCollege.zoom.us/j/91785074213, or call 646-876-9923. The Meeting ID is 917 8507 4213.

Participants may submit their questions and comments during the discussion, or email their questions prior to the event to tbohm@lakemichigancollege.edu.

Sign-ups open for Operation Thanksgiving

United Way of Southwest Michigan and the Meijer stores in Stevensville and Benton Harbor are joining forces to provide 150 Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need of holiday food assistance in Berrien County.

This is the third year in a row that the organizations have held Operation Thanksgiving.

Pre-registration is required to receive one of the baskets. Berrien County residents can register by calling 2-1-1.

Pickup of the Thanksgiving baskets will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 21 at Kinexus, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor. Residents who have pre-registered will remain in their cars while volunteers place food in vehicles.

For more information about Operation Thanksgiving, visit uwsm.org/operation-thanksgiving.

UK's Johnson defends lockdown amid criticism of delay

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday defended his decision to impose a second national lockdown, brushing aside criticism that weeks of delay have meant thousands more infections and hundreds of needless deaths.

The comments came as Johnson gave the House of Commons details of the proposed four-week lockdown in England that is set to begin Thursday. The plan was hurriedly announced Saturday after updated projections showed that rapidly rising infection rates risked swamping hospitals in a matter of weeks.

Alberto Pezzali / AP file

Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks during a coronavirus press conference in 10 Downing Street, London, on Oct. 31.

"Faced with these latest figures, there is no alternative but to take further action at a national level," Johnson told lawmakers, adding it was right to try imposing local measures first. "I believe it was right to try every possible option to get this virus under control at a local level with strong local action and strong local leadership."

The new policy comes three weeks after Johnson announced plans for a three-tiered regional approach to combating the virus, with tighter restrictions imposed on areas with higher infection rates. The government chose that strategy in an effort to reduce the economic and social impact of new restrictions, even though a committee of scientific advisers on Sept. 21 recommended a short lockdown as a "circuit breaker" to slow the spread of COVID-19.

But that approach became untenable after new analysis showed COVID-19 was spreading so rapidly that the number of deaths this winter could more than double those recorded earlier this year. The government needs to act now to prevent the National Health Service from being overwhelmed, Johnson said in the face of criticism from members of his own party who are concerned about the impact the restrictions will have on jobs and civil liberties.

Labour Party leader Keir Starmer said the cost of that delay was recorded in statistics of the pandemic. On Sept. 21 the U.K. recorded 11 deaths from COVID-19 and about 4,000 new infections. Forty days later, there were 326 deaths and more than 22,000 cases.

"At every stage, he's over-promised and under-delivered," Starmer said of Johnson's COVID-19 strategy. "Rejecting the advice of his own scientists over 40 days was a catastrophic failure of leadership and of judgment."

Despite his criticism, Starmer pledged to back the legislation that is expected to come up for a vote on Wednesday.

The U.K. has Europe's deadliest outbreak of COVID-19, with 46,807 deaths recorded through Sunday.

Under the proposed lockdown, most shops will be closed until Dec. 2, with bars and restaurants restricted to takeout and delivery services. People will be ordered to stay home, except for work, exercise and essential shopping. Schools will remain open.

To cushion the economic impact of the lockdown, the government plans to extend its job furlough program, which covers 80 percent of the wages of workers whose employers are forced to close by the restrictions. The government on Monday said it would also double support for self-employed workers to 80 percent of their average trading profits for November. Critics have argued that this group didn't receive enough help from earlier programs.

Under the U.K.'s system of devolved authority, the national governments in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have already imposed tighter coronavirus restrictions than England.

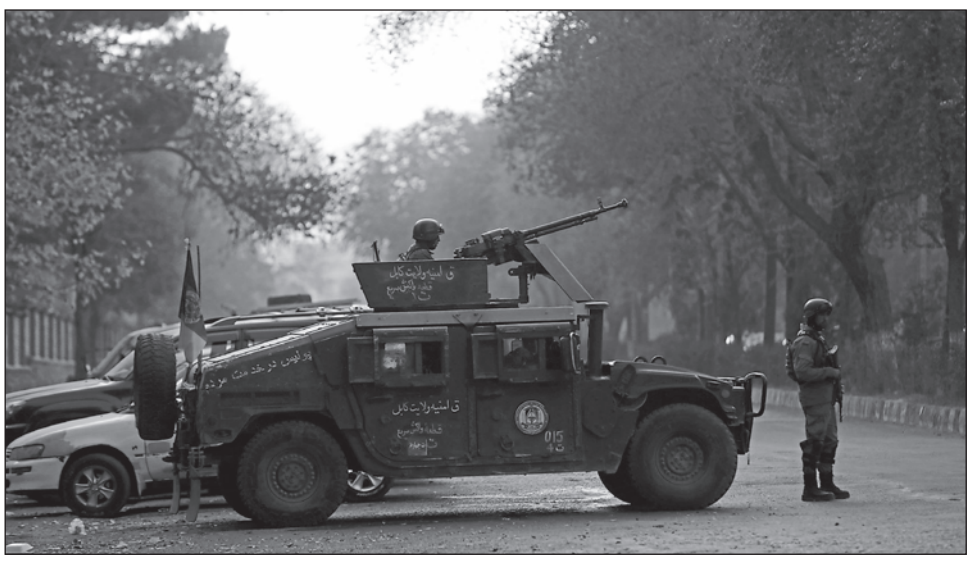
IS attack on Afghan university leaves 22 dead, 22 wounded

By RAHIM FAIEZ and KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Islamic State militants in Afghanistan stormed Kabul University on Monday as it hosted a book fair attended by the Iranian ambassador, sparking an hours-long gunbattle and leaving at least 22 dead and 22 wounded at the war-torn country's largest school.

Most of the casualties were students and there were fears the death toll could climb further with some of the wounded said to be in critical condition.

It was the second attack on an educational institution in Kabul in as many weeks.



Rahmat Gul / AP

Afghan police patrol at the site of an attack at Kabul University in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday. The brazen attack by gunmen who stormed the Kabul University has left many dead and wounded in the Afghan capital. The assault sparked a hours-long gunbattle.

The Taliban promptly issued a statement denying they took part in the assault, which came as the insurgents continue peace talks with representatives of Kabul's U.S.-backed government, with the aim to help the United States finally withdraw from Afghanistan. Later in the day, the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack.

As the attack unfolded, students and teachers were seen fleeing the part of the campus where law and journalism schools are located, while hand grenades exploded and automatic rifle fire could be heard. Scores of Afghan special forces surrounded the campus, shepherding teachers and students to safety.

The chaos subsided as the sun set over the Afghan capital and the Interior Ministry's spokesman, Tariq Arian, said all three attackers involved in the assault were killed.

The Islamic State group said it targeted newly graduated "judges and investigators belonging to the apostate Afghan government" gathered at the campus, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors terror online messaging.

The IS statement claimed only two of its fighters were involved, and posted their photographs, which conflicted with the Afghan authorities' report of three attackers. The claim did not indicate the IS intended to target the Iranian envoy or the book fair.

Last week, IS also claimed a brutal assault on a tutoring center in the Afghan capital's mostly Shiite neighborhood of Dasht-e-Barchi that killed at least 24 students and wounded more than 100 others on Oct. 24.

The peace negotiations between the Taliban and the Kabul government, known as intra-Afghan talks, were part of a deal Washington signed with the insurgents in February. They are taking place in the Gulf Arab state of Qatar, and are seen as Afghanistan's best chance at peace – though daily bloodshed has continued.

Five hours into the fighting on Monday, sporadic grenade explosions and automatic weapons fire still echoed down the empty streets surrounding the university's fenced compound. Afghan troops stood guard.

Ahmad Samim, a university student, told journalists he saw militants armed with pistols and Kalashnikov assault rifles firing at the school, the country's oldest with some 17,000 students. He said the attack happened at the university's eastern side, where its law and journalism faculty teach.

Afghan media reported that a book exhibition was being held at the university and attended by a number of dignitaries at the time of the shooting. None of the dignitaries were reported hurt.

While Afghan officials declined to discuss the bookfair, Iran's semiofficial ISNA news agency reported Sunday that Iranian Ambassador Bahador Aminian and cultural attaché Mojtaba Noroozi were to inaugurate the fair, which was hosting some 40 Iranian publishers. Iranian state television reported that the attack occurred, but did not offer information on its officials.

Iranian diplomats have been targeted previously in Afghanistan, incidents that dangerously escalated tensions between the two countries. In 1998, Iran held the Taliban responsible for the deaths of nine Iranian diplomats working in its consulate in northern Afghanistan, and sent reinforcements to the 580-mile-long Iran-Afghan border.

The IS affiliate in Afghanistan has declared war on the country's minority Shiite Muslims and staged dozens of attacks since emerging in the region in 2014. A horrific attack earlier this year on a Kabul maternity hospital – also in the Dasht-e-Barchi neighborhood – was blamed on the Islamic State group. In that attack, militants killed 25 people, many of them newborn babies and mothers.

Schools have also been targeted in past attacks. Last year, a bomb outside of the Kabul University's gates killed eight people. In 2016, gunmen attacked the American University in Kabul, killing 13.

Violence has been relentless even as the talks in Qatar to end more than four decades of war in Afghanistan have been painfully slow and despite repeated demands for a reduction in violence.

The U.S.-Taliban deal in February allowed for the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops from Afghanistan and set the stage for the talks underway in Doha.

The architect of Washington's agreement with the Taliban, Zalmay Khalilzad, returned last week to the region, citing deep disappointment at the escalating violence in Afghanistan. On Monday, Khalilzad was in neighboring Pakistan, where he met with the powerful army chief. Few details of the meeting have been released but it is widely believed Khalilzad was pressing for Pakistan's help to push the Taliban to agree to a reduction in violence.

Even though their political office is based in Qatar, Taliban leadership councils are located in Pakistan, with Islamabad being critical to pressing the insurgents into peace talks.

Though Khalilzad and the Afghan government have been calling for a cease-fire or at the very least a reduction in violence, the Taliban have refused a truce, saying a permanent end to fighting would be part of the negotiations.

Pakistan's foreign ministry condemned Monday's attack in Kabul, calling it an "act of terrorism" that was particularly "despicable as it targeted an institution of learning." Last week, a suicide bomber attacked a religious school in Pakistan's northwest on the border with Afghanistan, killing eight students and wounding more than 120.

Also on Monday, a vehicle hit a roadside mine in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, killing at least seven civilians, most of them women and children, provincial governor spokesman Omer Zwak said.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Cried
5 JAMA readers
8 Indian noblewoman
12 Memsahib's servant
13 Team cheer
14 Swift horse
15 Formal observance
16 Proverb
18 Economy
20 Opera by Verdi
21 Special knack
22 Va. zone
23 Slack-jawed
26 Did as told
29 Shipshape
30 Dollops
31 Soggy soil
33 In the past
34 Teacup edges
35 Undressed
36 Quaking trees
38 Diamond corners
39 Personal connections
40 Fruit-bearing tree
41 Gridiron unit
43 More than asked
46 Discusses tiresomely
48 Baha'i origin
50 Coup d'—
51 PC key
52 Pedro's son
53 Intuition
54 Driver's fill-up
55 Neutral or first

DOWN
1 Kids' card game
2 Throw off heat
3 Hiking trail
4 Treatment
5 Rough sketch
6 Spellbound
7 Quiet sound
8 Blue moon, e.g.
9 Saharan
10 Satellite launcher
11 Noted blue-chip
17 Caravan halts
19 Rage
22 Subsides
23 — — glance
24 Inverse of "nano-"
25 Turmoils
26 Klutz's mutter
27 Grounded birds
28 Kind of ranch
30 Cotton seeders
32 Some, to Yvette
34 Advances
35 Pestering
37 Long John Silver
38 Vast
40 Gab and song followers
41 Himalayan legend
42 Melville captain
43 Bartok or Lugosi
44 Great Lakes port
45 Emmy winner — Delany
46 Race the engine
47 Broom rider
49 Also not

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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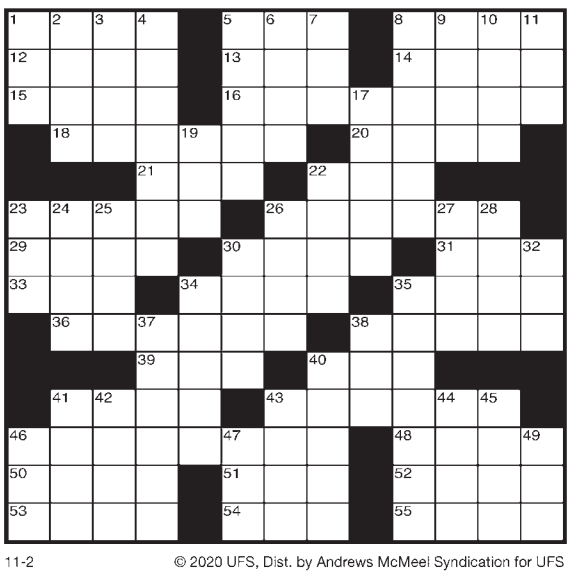

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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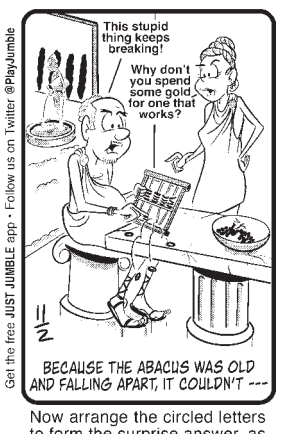
NEETV

GHUBOT

TMEENC


This stupid thing keeps breaking!
Why don't you spend some gold for one that works?
BECAUSE THE ABACUS WAS OLD AND FALLING APART, IT COULDN'T ---

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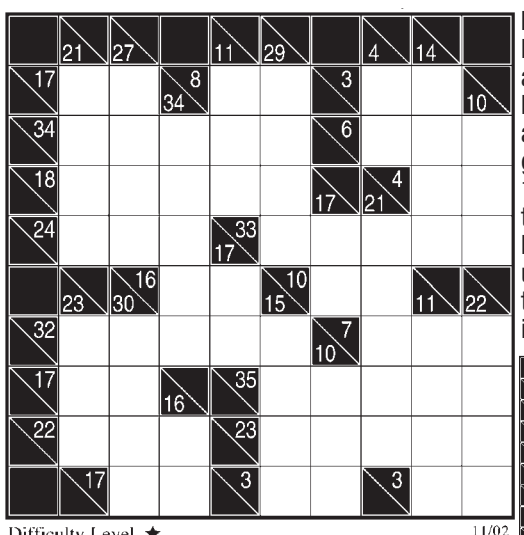
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

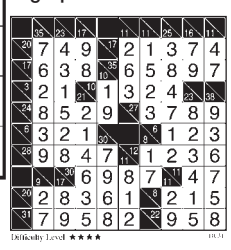
Saturday's Jumbles: BURLY ADAPT JUSTLY DOMINO
Answer: The horror movie set in the cemetery had a — BURIAL PLOT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 11/02

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★

BRIDGE

Why is Chicago called the Windy City?

Today's deal was played in you-can-guess-where during the 2006 Summer North American Championships. What should West lead against four spades doubled?

In the auction, North's passed-hand three-club response opposite a preemptive opening was fit-showing. It indicated length in the bid suit and support for partner's suit. The rest of the auction was natural, but East should have contested to the five-level. She knew that her opponents had a double fit in the black suits, and this meant that she and her partner had a double fit in the red suits. When you have a double fit, declare; do not defend.

Based on the bidding, West probably should have found the killing defense, leading the club ace and continuing with the club four as a suit-preference signal for diamonds, the lower-ranking of the other two side suits. East would have ruffed, put her partner back on lead with the diamond ace and received a second club ruff. Then the diamond king would have defeated the contract by two tricks.

But West led the heart two, lowest from an odd number of cards. The declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps and played a club toward the board. When dummy's king held the trick, South ruffed a heart in her hand and led another club, holding her losses to two diamonds and one club.

North 11-02-20
♠ 8 7 2
♥ A 10 6
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 6 3 2

West
♠ 4
♥ Q 9 5 3 2
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ A J 4

East
♠ J 10 5
♥ K J 8 7
♦ K Q 5 3 2
♣ 10

South
♠ A K Q 9 6 3
♥ 4
♦ J 10
♣ 9 8 7 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2♠	Dbl.	3♣	3♥
4♣	Pass	4♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

It is likely that Chicago was given the Windy City moniker by Cincinnati. The cities shared an intense rivalry toward the end of the 19th century, and Cincinnatians felt that Chicagoans could be overly boastful at times.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

8	7			9		1	2	
	1			2	4			
		2		1	8		7	6
4	9	1		7				3
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3				5		7	4	8
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			6	4			8	
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	1	6	2	3	8	9	4	5
2	4	5	6	9	7	3	8	1
8	9	3	1	5	4	6	7	2
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9	5	1	4	2	3	7	6	8
6	2	4	7	8	9	5	1	3

Trump threatens to fire Fauci in rift with disease expert

OPA-LOCKA, Fla. (AP) — President Donald Trump is suggesting that he will fire Dr. Anthony Fauci after Tuesday's election, as his rift with the nation's top infectious disease expert widens while the nation sees its most alarming outbreak of the coronavirus since the spring.

Speaking at a campaign rally in Opa-locka, Florida, Trump expressed frustration that the surging cases of the virus that has killed more than 231,000 people in the United States this year remains prominent in the news. That sparked his supporters to begin chanting "Fire Fauci."

"Don't tell anybody but let me wait until a little bit after the election," Trump replied to thousands of supporters early Monday, adding he appreciated their "advice."

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden tweeted later Monday in response: "We need a president who actually listens to experts like Dr. Fauci."

Biden has sought to keep the campaign focused on what he says is a disastrous federal response to the pandemic. Trump is countering by using the race's final hours to accuse Biden of wanting to force the country back into a lockdown to slow the spread of the virus.

Still, Trump's comments on Fauci less than 48 hours before polls close likely ensure the pandemic will remain front and center heading into Election Day.

It's the most direct Trump has been in suggesting he was serious about trying to remove Fauci from his position. He has previously expressed that he was concerned about the political blowback of removing the popular and respected doctor before the election.

Trump cannot directly fire Fauci, who is not a presidential appointee. Theoretically, Trump could pressure Fauci's boss, Dr. Francis Collins, or Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to do so. Even discounting Fauci's scientific legacy, taking that step would be politically extraordinary considering a Republican president, George W. Bush, awarded Fauci the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Fauci also has considerable bipartisan support in Congress.

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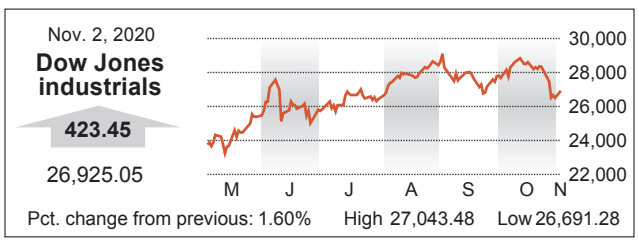

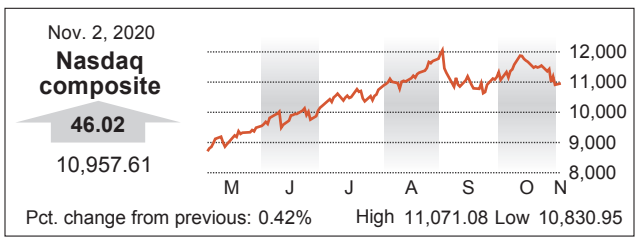

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▲ **4-wk.** +4.8% ▼ **YTD** -3.5%

Whirlpool WHR
$192.73 **+7.77 +4.2%**
▼ **4-wk.** -.1% ▲ **YTD** +30.6%

LocalStocks

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AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	27.34	+.32	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	91.23	+1.30	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	108.77	-.09	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1141.15	+12.17	+1.1	▲	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	14.74	40.08	16.10	+.62	+4.0	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	64.35	+1.02	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	48.62	+.56	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	41.40	-.84	-2.0	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	243.40	231.70	+5.79	+2.6	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	120.13	-1.12	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	114.83	91.12	+.80	+0.9	▲	▲	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	73.12	33.99	+1.37	+4.2	▲	▲	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	24.11	+.89	+3.8	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	33.69	+.48	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	9.58	7.71	-.02	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.52	+.10	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	270.74	+4.03	+1.5	▲	▼	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	12.49	+.09	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	10.81	+.37	+3.5	▲	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	194.30	178.76	+8.37	+4.9	▲	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	112.91	+1.25	+1.1	▲	▼	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	100.25	+2.21	+2.3	▲	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	138.69	+1.58	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	60.00	180.67	160.23	+2.13	+1.3	▲	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	212.56	-.44	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	202.33	-.14	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	31.83	+1.36	+4.5	▲	▼	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	45.61	+1.74	+4.0	▲	▲	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	36.23	+.75	+2.1	▲	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	94.34	145.87	138.50	+1.40	+1.0	▲	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	89.86	+1.69	+1.9	▲	▼	▼
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	10.74	+.30	+2.9	▲	▼	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	227.39	202.78	+.77	+0.4	▲	▼	▼
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	28.21	+1.00	+3.7	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	90.17	167.42	154.39	+2.17	+1.4	▲	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	133.40	+.19	+0.1	▲	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	159.55	+2.44	+1.6	▲	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	57.70	+.71	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	103.14	+2.59	+2.6	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	140.40	+1.65	+1.2	▲	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.36	64.50	35.79	+1.75	+5.1	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	22.14	+.29	+1.3	▲	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	192.73	+7.77	+4.2	▲	▼	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	51.70	50.33	+1.12	+2.3	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	101.85	90.43	+.43	+0.5	▲	▼	▲

Getting it straight

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OBITUARIES

Virginia Pipoly

Jan. 4, 1957 – Oct. 29, 2020

Virginia "Ginger" Pipoly, 63, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 201 Church St., St. Joseph, with Fr. Arul Lazar officiating. Burial will take place Friday, Nov. 6, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Mich. A Rosary will be recited at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the church before the Mass.

Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church "Mass," American Heart Association, or the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. Those wishing to share a memory of Ginger online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ginger was born Jan. 4, 1957, in Detroit to John and Virginia (Kelly) Pipoly Jr.

She graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1975 in Farmington Hills, Mich. She then attended Aquinas College, where she received her bachelor's degree and graduated cum laude. Ginger then went on to Western Michigan University and graduated in 1985 with her master's.

She taught at Lake Michigan Catholic High School from 1979 until 1991 and often spoke of how much she enjoyed her students and being part of the "LMC Family." From 1991 until 2007 she worked as a customer service representative for Chemical Bank.

Ginger was a long-time prayer partner for Birthright of St. Joseph. She was a devout Catholic, as a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she served in many activities such as a Lector at Mass and bookkeeper. Ginger found great pleasure in having coffee with her fellow parishioners after daily mass. She was an avid reader and loved to cheer on her Detroit Tigers.

Ginger is survived by her brother, John (Miriam) Pipoly III; nephew, Marco, whom she loved dearly, and numerous cousins.

Ginger was preceded in death by her parents.

A special thank you to the many doctors and nurses who treated Ginger for several years.

Dana B. Sheldon

April 24, 1956 – Oct. 25, 2020

Dana B. Sheldon, 64, of Berrien Springs passed away suddenly at his home Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at Ruggles Cemetery in Baroda, officiated by Pastor Jack Miller. Out of respect for the family and guests in attendance, masks and proper social distancing will be required. Friends wishing to leave a condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the family, c/o Judy Sheldon.

Dana was born on April 24, 1956, in Manhattan, N.Y., to Richard and Betty (Schlegel) Sheldon. He graduated from Sacramento State University and spent a year studying overseas at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He had earned a master's degree in history as well as a variety of other degrees.

After graduating, Dana served our country proudly in U.S. Marine Corps.

On Nov. 26, 1987, he married the love of his life, Judi Miller, in Portage, Mich.

For over 30 years, Dana was well known and respected in the car dealership industry. He most recently was employed at LeValley's and Lexus of Michiana.

In 2009, he chose his most beloved occupation of all, genealogy. His latest projects were from Italy, Spain and Portugal. He loved history and helping people find their families.

Dana is survived by his mother, Betty Sheldon; loving wife of nearly 33 years, Judi; sons: Benjamin Sheldon, Aaron Sheldon and Michael (Laurie) Maruk; daughters: Lorrie (Donald) Upson, Sheri (Geoffrey) Sanderson, and Julie (Peter) Sliter; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sisters: Melissa Sheldon, Mindy Sheldon and Lori Pokell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Sheldon.

Mary Ruth Greene-Weiss

Sept. 24, 1938 – Oct. 31, 2020

Mary Ruth Greene-Weiss, 82, of Bridgman passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 after a brief illness at the West Woods of Bridgman.

The family will be remembering Mary privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Berrien County Animal Control, 1400 S. Euclid Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Mary was born Saturday, Sept. 24, 1938, in Kennett, Mo., the daughter of the late Irvin Oscar and Georgia Bessie (Morrison) Brown.

On Aug. 10, 1956, she married Raymond C. Greene, who preceded her in death on May 18, 1992. They had four children together.

On Oct. 31, 1998, she married Terry R. Weiss, who preceded her in death on May 13, 2013.

Mary worked for several years at Independent Steel Castings in New Buffalo and upon her retirement, began her own business with a friend, Cheryl Burk. Mary enjoyed decorating her home, caring for her family and dancing.

Survivors include her children: Shawn (Edna) Greene, Karey (Juanita) Greene,Kevin Greene and Lori (Gary) Hanlin; three grandchildren: Nicholas Greene, Samantha (Trace) Schewe and Erin (Billy McDonald) Hanlin; a host of great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and two brothers: Larry (Cindy) Brown and John (Everetta) Brown.

Mary was preceded by her sister, Dorothy Wolschlager.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Death notices

Robert Borsodi, 86, of Niles died Oct. 30, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Ronald E. Ferguson, 62, of Dowagiac died Oct. 31, 2020, at his home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Mary Ruth Greene-Weiss, 82, of Bridgman died Oct. 31, 2020. Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Thomas "Tom" Emmett Hollowell, 81, of St. Joseph died Oct. 30, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Doilene Jackson, 80, of Niles died Nov. 1, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Deborah "Deb" C. Kramp, 69, of St. Joseph died Nov. 1, 2020, at her home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Nancy Lynn (Griffey) McAndrew, 79, of Benton Harbor died Oct, 31, 2020 at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Virginia "Ginger" Pipoly, 63, of St. Joseph died Oct. 29, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Jean Crandle Schmoeller, 94, a former resident of St. Joseph died Oct. 26, 2020, in California. Day & Night Removals-Cremation, Van Nuys, Calif.

Dana B. Sheldon, 64, of Berrien Springs died Oct. 25, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Kevin Shelton, 62, of Niles died Nov. 2, 2020, at his home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Emilija Vengianskas, 102, of Three Oaks died Nov. 1, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Thomas Hollowell

Dec. 10,1938 – Oct. 30, 2020

Thomas "Tom" Emmett Hollowell, 81, of St. Joseph passed away Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, at his home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at a later date. Burial will be at Kerr Cemetery in Mineral Ridge, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational United Church of Christ, https://www.fccstjoseph.org/giving/, or Habitat for Humanity, https://www.habitat.org/donate/?keyword=header-single-gift. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Tom was born Dec. 10, 1938, in Youngstown, Ohio, to William and Pearl (Gould) Hollowell.

He graduated from Austintown Fitch High School in 1956. He continued his education by graduating with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Youngstown State University and a master's degree in mechanical engineering and MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

On Feb. 8, 1958, Tom married Barbara Seifert. They were happily married for nearly 34 years before she passed away in 1992. On July 27, 1993, Tom married Beverly (Rahn) Linn at First Congregational U.C.C.

Tom began his engineering career at Hamilton Standard in Connecticut, where he worked on the Apollo Lunar Landing Module. He later worked in the Nuclear Power Division at Combustion Engineering where he had the opportunity to do research at the Institute for Atomic Energy in Halden, Norway. Tom made one last job transition to Consumer's Energy, first in Jackson and then ending his career at Palisades Nuclear Plant, retiring on April 14, 2000. After retirement, Tom maintained free lance work as an engineer and licensed builder.

Always willing to help when needed, Tom volunteered much of his time working with Jimmy Carter and Habitat for Humanity in locations such as Mexico, India and Benton Harbor. He also donated his time as a Stephen Minister at Stephen Ministries and was a former lay-Chaplin for Lakeland Hospital.

Tom was a proud member of First Congregational U.C.C., St. Joseph Rotary, Econ Club, and ARRL (American Radio Relay League – a group that is involved with operating HAM radios). Tom had a huge passion for being outdoors. He loved sailing on his boat, all types of skiing, hiking, playing tennis and golf, and orienteering – using a map and compass to navigate the wilderness.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Beverly; children: Karen (Douglas) Meyers, Thomas (Tone) Hollowell Jr., Douglas (Alison) Hollowell, and Scot Hollowell; step-children: Dr. Frank "Skip" (Karen) Linn Jr., Nancy (Tom) Fowler, Christopher (Tricia Kellison) Linn; grandchildren: Katherine, Jacob, Lucas (Caitlyn), Per Thomas (Martina), Christian (Annie), William, Megan, Emma, Prescot Jr., Andrew, Kara, Scott, Linny, David, Emilia, Frederick, and Joseph; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Janet (Jim) Donald.

Tom was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara; parents, William and Pearl; and siblings, William and Robert.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Due to the many requests from the public for an evening showing of the original Rembrandt painting "The Visitation," the Krasl Art Center will be open Thursday evening, according to Executive Director Dar Davis. Imagine the delight when the Krasl gallery filled with visitors over the weekend to view the Rembrandt. There was a sense of awe among patrons at the art center. People walked up close to the glass-enclosed painting for a better look, then stepped back. Even the young children were respectful as the entered the room.

1985 – 35 years ago

Sandra Bruce, president of Berrien General Hospital, has been elected to a three-year term on the governing council of the American Hospital Association section on aging and long-term care services, according to an announcement from the hospital. The council is a 21-member board from across the country that oversees a section designed to represent member hospitals and assist in the development of AHA programs to aid in the care of older and/or chronically ill people.

1970 – 50 years ago

Newcomers Club of Berrien Springs will meet Nov. 16. The topic for the meeting will be crafts, and good used toys will be collected for an area family at Christmas. The purpose of the organization is to help new people in the area become acquainted with each other and the community.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 3, the 308th day of 2020. There are 58 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 3, 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred "Alf" Landon.

On this date:

In 1900, the first automobile show in the United States opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

In 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. was founded in Detroit by Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant. (The company was acquired by General Motors in 1918.)

In 1979, five Communist Workers Party members were killed in a clash with heavily armed Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis during an anti-Klan protest in Greensboro, North Carolina.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair came to light as Ash-Shiraa, a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, first broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran.

In 1992, Democrat Bill Clinton was elected the 42nd president of the United States, defeating President George H.W. Bush. In Illinois, Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun became the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

In 2017, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who walked away from his post in Afghanistan and triggered a search that left some of his comrades severely wounded, was spared a prison sentence by a military judge in North Carolina; President Donald Trump blasted the decision as a "complete and total disgrace."

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny
58°	46°	63° / 49°	62° / 48°	65° / 49°	66° / 52°

Local Outlook

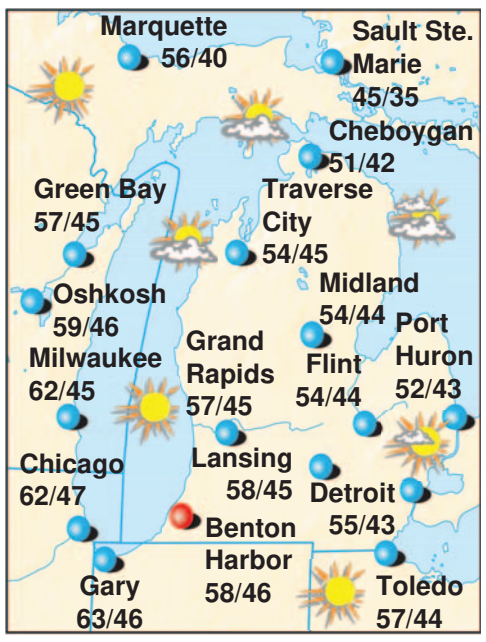
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 58°, humidity of 58%. Southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 46°. South wind 9 to 14 mph. Wednesday, skies will be sunny with a high of 63°, humidity of 58%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:21 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:36 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 7:34 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:10 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
11/8	11/15	11/21	11/30

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	50°
Low	27°
Normal High	56°
Normal Low	38°
Record High	72° in 2015
Record Low	23° in 2006

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.01"
Normal for month	0.26"
Year to date	30.25"
Normal Year to date	32.26"

Air Quality

Yesterday 31
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

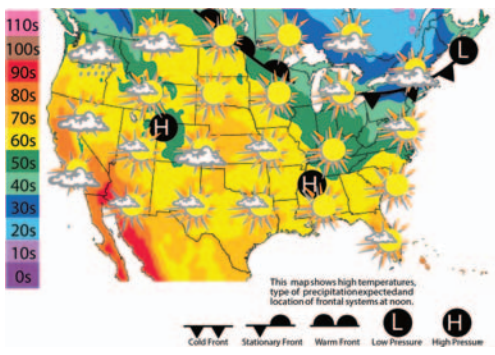
Weather Trivia

What causes wind shear?

Answer: A sudden change in wind speed and/or direction.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 3, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, W wind 8 to 12 kt. Sunny. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 48 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 11 to 17 kt. Clear. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s and 50s. South southwest wind 2 to 10 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with highs in the 50s and 60s. Southwest wind 7 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with highs in the 60s. South wind 9 to 14 mph.

Evan Vucci / AP

President Donald Trump dances as he walks off stage after speaking during a campaign rally at Miami-Opa-locka Executive Airport in Opa-locka, Fla. on Monday.

Trump promises court fight over Pennsylvania absentee votes

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and his reelection campaign are signaling they will pursue an aggressive legal strategy to try to prevent Pennsylvania from counting mailed ballots that are received in the three days after the election.

The matter could find its way to the Supreme Court, especially if those ballots could tip the outcome in the battleground state.

The three-day extension was ordered by Pennsylvania's top court. The Supreme Court refused to block it, but several conservative justices have indicated they could revisit the issue after the election.

Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar, a Democrat, already has told local elections officials to keep the late-arriving ballots separate, but also to count them. She acknowledged that a post-election court fight could change that.

Trump's threat of legal action comes as he has been delivering a chaotic closing message during the waning days of the campaign as he lags behind Democratic rival Joe Biden nationally and by narrow margins in key battleground states. The president has made a flurry of last-minute campaign stops trying to hold onto states he won in 2016, including Pennsylvania, Florida and North Carolina. Over the weekend, he continued to rail against absentee ballots, frustrated by a Supreme Court ruling that didn't deliver a clear GOP win, continuing a monthslong push to sow unfounded doubt about potential voter fraud.

Trump said the high court's pre-election refusal to rule out the extension was a "terrible decision." He also said that once the polls close Tuesday, "we're going in with our lawyers."

Justin Clark, the deputy Trump campaign manager and senior counsel, said Boockvar "is blatantly attempting to steal this election for Joe Biden and the Democrats. But make no mistake: President Trump and his team will continue to fight for the free, fair election and the trustworthy results all Americans deserve."

The legal issue is whether the extension ordered by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, relying on voter protections in the Pennsylvania constitution, violated the U.S. Constitution. The argument advanced by Republicans is that the Constitution gives state legislatures – not state courts – the power to decide how electoral votes are awarded, including whether absentee ballots received after Election Day can be counted.

Roughly 20 states allow for late-arriving ballots, but Pennsylvania's Republican-controlled legislature did not authorize an extension, even with the huge increase in mailed ballots because of the coronavirus pandemic. Similar ballot-deadline extensions have resulted in court fights in Minnesota and North Carolina.

The Supreme Court generally does not second guess state courts when they rely on their own constitutions. But Democrats were alarmed by Justice Brett Kavanaugh's reference to the court's 2000 Bush v. Gore decision that effectively decided the presidential election in favor of George W. Bush. Although it was not the majority opinion in the case, an opinion joined by three conservative justices in 2000 would have ruled for Bush because the Florida Supreme Court's recount order usurped the legislature's authority.

The Supreme Court has never cited Bush v. Gore as the basis for a decision of the court. Kavanaugh is one of three justices who worked for Bush in the Florida case 20 years ago. Chief Justice John Roberts and new Justice Amy Coney Barrett are the others.

Despite Trump's recent criticism of the court, he has said that one reason he pushed for Barrett's quick confirmation as a justice was to have her on the court for any post-election disputes. Barrett, Kavanaugh and Justice Neil Gorsuch are the three Trump appointees on a court that now has a 6-3 conservative advantage.

Q&A

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goats one year. The last two years, I've shown swine. I kind of got into that game late, but I realized I really enjoyed it.

With rabbits, I really learned to love showmanship, showing my knowledge rather than just basing it on the rabbit itself. Through that, I was given the opportunity to go to Small Animal Sweepstakes multiple times. I think I went five separate times, won twice and got second the three other times.

I ran for fair queen in 2018. I ended up winning and I got the whole opportunity to give everyone trophies and celebrating their wins with them. That was a really big thing for me, because I had always wanted to be fair queen and to have that opportunity was an amazing time.

Fair has always been my go-to time of the year. People would say Christmas is their favorite holiday. My favorite holiday is fair week.

How did it feel finally winning this award?

It was my main goal to get to the point of showing so many different things and being in so many different barns that I could win it. I just got my name out there, and got recognized for so many different things that I showed interest in, and showed that I really did care about these projects and cared about the experience learning with these projects. It was just like, euphoric when I finally won the award.

My mom was sitting next to me and grabbed my arm and literally started crying at the meeting. It just meant a lot because it showed that people did realize the effort I put into it, and it's been my life to be competing.

Even though I do get to show next year, because they made that agreement with everyone that was supposed to age out this year, my fair experience has definitely not ended and I'll definitely come back and help with the different barns and committees.

How have you used what you learned in 4-H, and at the fair, in your adult life so far?

4-H and the fair has shown me how to speak up and demonstrate myself well in many different areas, like being president of my sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma.

Just with public speaking, or small conversational situations, it's given me more confidence in doing those. And overall, the tasks. I'm a big quilter and would show my projects at the fair. People at college would ask me to sew up something for them, like a hole in a coat, and I would do it, but I would teach them how to do it, too, so the next time they're able to do it themselves.

Being in 4-H, I've taken on many leadership roles, and helped the younger kids with their projects, and I think that's another big thing that made me want to help people here at college with the little things.

What would your advice be to a young 4-H'er, who maybe also dreams of winning this award one day?

My advice would be to believe in yourself and focus on the now. Focus on the projects that you're working on currently and how you want to grow as an exhibitor. Don't miss out on the memories you're going to make each year because they'll mean a lot to you individually when the time does come for you to finish your fair experience.

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SPIKE

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library services through Nov. 10 due to a volunteer testing positive for COVID-19, plus the spike in Berrien County cases.

The library will extend curbside services through Nov. 11, with the hope to resume interior services that day. Library staff will continue to answer phone calls. To reach the library, call 983-7167.

"We urge you all to please, take this seriously; please, stay safe and stay home if you aren't feeling well! We don't want the library to be the reason anyone loses a loved one. Thank you!" library staff wrote on its Facebook page.

Schools

The River Valley School District closed its Three Oaks Elementary School Monday through at least Nov. 10 due to a teacher testing positive for COVID-19.

In a letter to parents, the district said that due to several staff members being quarantined, and a statewide substitute shortage, the school will do virtual learning only and may return to face to face learning on Nov. 11.

The state, on Monday, reported two new COVID-19 outbreaks at area schools. An outbreak is defined as two or more cases that may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households.

Brandywine High School had three cases among students and Paw Paw High School had four student cases.

No cases were reported in Cass County schools.

In addition, there are now nine cases related to teachers and students at Mattawan High School. Last Monday, the state reported the school had four cases.

Long-term care facilities

The state on Monday also overhauled and updated its long-term care facility data, now reporting adult foster care and home for the aged facilities in addition to skilled-nursing facilities. These updates will come once a week now.

The state reported that there are 22 new COVID-19 resident cases and three new staff cases at West Woods of Bridgman, including three new resident deaths.

In addition, five new resident deaths and two new staff cases were reported at Pine Ridge and Rehabilitation Center in Stevensville.

Riveridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Niles had one new resident case and one new staff case.

Bronson Commons in Mattawan had two new staff COVID-19 cases.

No facilities in Cass County had any new cases.

This data can be found at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Van Buren/Cass

Van Buren County gained 127 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Last weekend the county added 80 new cases.

Cass County added 73 new cases over the weekend. Last weekend, the county added 53 new cases.

No new deaths were recorded in either county over the three-day period.

Van Buren County's percent positivity rate rose to 10.5 percent late last week, while Cass County's rose to 11.3 percent. Those are historically high rates for the two counties.

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hp SPORTS

St. Joseph's postseason soccer run ends with regional finals loss

Bears struggle to find scoring chances in 1-0 loss to SMAC rival Gull Lake

By BEN SPENCER
HP Correspondent

VICKSBURG — St. Joseph's boys soccer team knew it could expect a tough outing when it saw Gull Lake for a third time this season in Saturday's Division 2 boys soccer regional championship at Vicksburg.

Saturday's matchup was the third time the two teams met this season, with the Bears falling 1-0 after conceding a first-half goal.

St. Joseph won the season's first meeting, 4-3, on Sept. 22, but the Blue Devils bounced back with a 3-0 victory in the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference tournament on Oct. 8.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils (14-2-1) again held St. Joseph (14-4-1) scoreless.

"We didn't score the last time either," noted Bears coach John Brown. "We struggled with their pressure. We didn't connect passes cleanly like we normally do. (Gull Lake) knew what to do to get us rattled a bit, but the way we set up kind of played into it.

"We wanted to have it 0-0 for as long as possible, because we felt the pressure would be on them, not us. We had to adjust and try different things to get a goal, but we just couldn't connect that final pass, and that's just (because of) the press that they put on us."

The Bears accomplished that goal for the first 25 minutes of the opening half, and even had opportunities to take a lead in the early-goings of the match.

Senior forward Jack Pender had a deep shot attempt that curled just wide in the 19th minute. Just one minute later, Russell Ebbert bounced a shot off the crossbar.

"We had a good game plan," Brown said. "It came down to they just made one more play than us. They made a play scoring that goal. We had a chance that hit the crossbar. It's tough. This group is extremely hard-working."

The Blue Devils' goal came in the 26th minute. After a throw-in from the far side, Gull Lake's AJ Boucher connected with DeWitt Renwick, who had found an opening just in front of the Bears' net. Renwick was able to redirect the pass in for an easy tap-in goal.

From there, Gull Lake held

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Back and forth

Dowagiac knocks off Lakeshore in district volleyball opener

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

NILES — Lakeshore had dominant stretches in Monday's Division 2 volleyball district opener against Dowagiac. Inconsistency hurt the Lancers, however, as the Chieftains were able to come away with a 26-24, 12-25, 25-20, 16-25, 15-7 victory.

"We just defeated ourselves," Lakeshore coach Kat Hall said. "There were little things that we could've done better; instead, we were continuing to play in chaos. (Dowagiac) was very good defensively and they worked really hard. I think that they just worked harder than we did."

Dowagiac (13-14) advances to play Niles in Wednesday's semifinals. Edwardsburg defeated Buchanan 25-10, 25-20, 25-22 in Monday's other game, and moves on to face Berrien Springs.

Dowagiac coach Tony Hooley said his team was missing several players due to COVID-19 quarantine, noting that they had not tested positive but had come in contact with others who had.

"It was quite a challenge, other than I had a great group of kids to play with still," Hooley said. "It was a matter of us learning new stuff.

"We had a lot of adversity, but they played great."

Lakeshore (9-14) closed the fourth game on a 9-1 run and scored the first two

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Anna Chellman tries to hit past Dowagiac's Abbey Dobberstein during Monday night's Division 2 district match at Niles High School.

What a difference a week makes for Michigan State, Michigan football teams

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

When Mel Tucker talked about how much a team can improve between games one and two, it felt like he was grasping at straws. What else could the Michigan State coach say after such a dismal start to the season?

Then the Spartans took the field against their biggest rival and delivered a shocker.

Tucker earned his first victory at the helm, and it was one the Spartans won't forget anytime soon, a 27-24 upset in Ann Arbor against Michigan. It was hard to imagine a bigger swing from one week to the next – for both teams. In its opener, Michigan State lost to a Rutgers team that had dropped 21 straight Big Ten games. And Michigan thumped Minnesota on the road that same day.

Carlos Osorio / AP

Michigan State wide receiver Ricky White makes a catch while defended by Michigan defensive back Jalen Perry during the second half of Saturday's game.

"It was just a focused week," Michigan State linebacker Antjuan Simmons said. "I made sure that everybody knew that we were going to a big game, a big rivalry game, and we had to play for 60 minutes."

Michigan, which had been favored by more than three touchdowns, dropped 10 spots to No. 23 in this week's AP poll.

Even if the Spartans hadn't flopped so badly in their opener, they would have probably been big underdogs in Ann Arbor. Michigan State lost to Michigan 44-10 last season, and only one coach for the Spartans had ever beaten the Wolverines on his first try – Nick Saban 25 years ago.

Tucker became the second. His team played the type of sharp, composed game that the Spartans didn't seem remotely capable of a week earlier.

Michigan State was so bad in its opener that its seven turnovers almost felt like an encouraging sign – that was unlikely to happen again, and perhaps the Spartans would look like a different team if they could hold onto the ball.

Did they ever.

Neither team turned the ball over Saturday. The dif-

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Whirlpool CORPORATION

Athlete Spotlight

Photo provided

Race Bettich recently set Lakeshore's boys cross country school record and won a regional title.

Race Bettich:

Lakeshore's record-setting runner

By BEN SPENCER
HP Correspondent

It has been a cross country season to remember for Lakeshore's Race Bettich.

The Lancers' junior frontrunner has put together a string of impressive performances as the season winds down, including setting a Lakeshore record for fastest time in a 5k cross country race.

Bettich easily won the pre-regional race at Vicksburg on Oct. 24, crossing the finish line in a school-record time of 15:46.5. The previous record had been held by Andrew Lawrick (15:52.6) since 2004.

Bettich followed that up with another winning time of 16:16 at the regional meet on Oct. 31. He now looks forward to a trip to the state finals on Friday at Michigan International Speedway.

"It's something I look forward to every year," Bettich said of his trip to the finals. "Just the fact that I'm going to state and the experience overall is just great."

Bettich's quickest time of the season currently ranks him sixth in Division 2, according to athletic.net.

Save for the SMAC Championships on Oct. 17, where he crossed in second place in 15:52, Bettich has placed first in every meet he's participated in this season.

He said another highlight of the season was winning the Berrien County Invitational (15:53) on Oct. 3, something he said has been a goal of his since placing second last year.

Bettich is a year-round runner, training in the winter by racing a few indoor meets as an unattached athlete, then running in the spring for the Lancers' track team. Outside of training, Bettich participates in Lakeshore's Key Club.

Bettich said he hopes to continue running following his graduation next year, but for now, his focus is continuing to improve.

Was your training this offseason different than it had been in the past?

I had been taking this offseason a lot more seriously. I have been training a lot more than I have in the past. I've been running every day after school, and just kind of training on my own. During that past winter (following the 2019 cross country season), I was training for track. Obviously I didn't expect anything to happen like what did (with coronavirus), so I was just trying to gain some mileage. It ended up working out when track was canceled, I just kind of fell right into my cross training.

How did you feel on race day when you set the school record?

The past couple of meets before I set it, I knew it was close. My coach gave me the time, so that's what I had been shooting for the past couple of races. The Saturday when I did set it, I kind of knew that it was my day and I had that kind of mindset going into the race, thinking, 'This is the race where I do it, I'm going to do it today.' I came close the past couple of meets, like within seconds of it, so I was ready to do it finally. When I did, I was really happy. That was my main goal this season.

What sort of new goals do you have now?

I'd like to place pretty high in state. I'm going to try and place as high as I can. I'm not so much worried about time at this point, I'm mainly looking at placement. After the season, I want to just keep running.

What are you most excited about this weekend at state?

I'm excited for the experience. I know it's going to be a bit different than previous years, but I love to have my teammates come out and watch me finish my season. I really appreciate them doing that.

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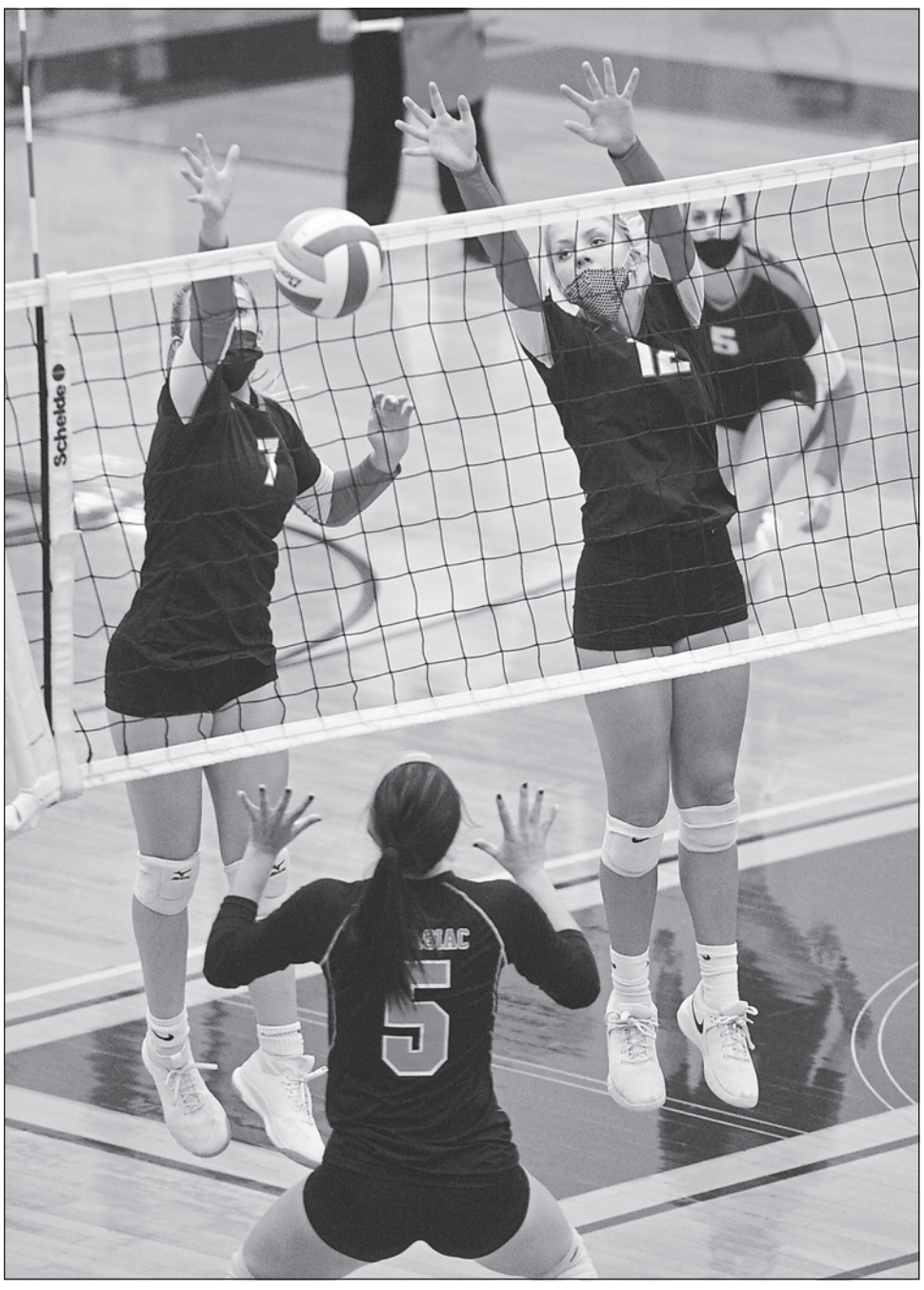

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Lakeshore's Avery Steffes, left and Jayden Schmaltz work against Dowagiac's Megan Davis during Monday night's Division 2 district match at Niles High School.

VOLLEYBALL

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points of the fifth game.

As it often did, the momentum shifted quickly, with Dowagiac rattling off nine straight points to take firm control.

Megan Davis had kills on two of the first three points in the run. She finished with 11 kills, as did fellow outside hitter Caleigh Wimberly. Freshman middle hitter Abbey Dobberstein added seven kills and eight blocks, and Emma Allen added four kills and a block.

"We're outside-heavy as far as our strength on offense," Hooley said. "Our two middles picked up and had a lot of good blocks. We're not a strong blocking team, but that was big for us tonight."

The first game was close throughout, with neither team leading by more than three at any time.

Lakeshore never trailed in the second game, using a 9-0 run to build a 16-6 lead.

Dowagiac responded in the third game, building an early 10-5 advantage. Though Lakeshore rallied to take a 17-16 lead, the Chieftains scored six of the final seven points to keep ahead in the match.

Cali Allen led Lakeshore with 18 kills, providing much of the Lancers' offense in their scoring runs.

"Cali's a great athlete," Hall said. "I look forward to seeing what her future looks like. She did a lot for us all four years here, and even this year she was a leader when she could be. If you give her the ball, she'll put it away. I'm thankful for her efforts on the court."

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Dowagiac's Abbey Dobberstein reaches to block a shot from Lakeshore's Olivia Bell during Monday night's Division 2 district match at Niles High School.

DOWAGIAC D. LAKESHORE
26-24, 12-25, 25-20, 16-25, 15-7

Dowagiac – Caleigh Wimberly 11 kills, 6 aces, 23 digs; Megan Davis 1 assist, 11 kills, 1 ace, 13 digs, 1 block; Emma Allen 1 assist, 4 kills, 1 block; Allie Conner 1 kill, 21 digs; Jessie Hulett 27 assists, 3 aces, 13 digs, 2 blocks; Abbey Dobberstein 7 kills, 1 ace, 7 digs, 8 blocks.
Lakeshore stats unavailable
Records – Dowagiac 13-14, Lakeshore 9-14.

EDWARDSBURG D. BUCHANAN
25-10, 25-20, 25-22

Buchanan – Faith Carson 7 kills, 6 blocks; Katie Schau 6 kills, 2 aces; Josie West 15 digs; Hailey Jonazke 12 digs; Claire Shelton 22 assists.
Records – Buchanan 12-9.

BEARS

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off the Bears' attack for the most part. St. Joseph had just three total shot attempts to the Blue Devils' six. In the second half, the Bears had one attempt on net, while the Blue Devils kept the pressure on with four second-half attempts.

Preston Nichols made five saves in goal for St. Joseph. He had a close-range save off a header attempt in the 24th minute when the score was still 0-0, and made a nice diving save midway through the second half as well.

The Bears graduate six seniors in defender Cameron Dirlam, forwards Jack Pender, Lars Razor and Ethan Murrin, as well as midfielders Jack Proos and Micah Nolte.

"I told these guys, at the end of the day it's not like they didn't give it everything they had every single day," Brown said. "They worked so hard for maybe even a moment thinking they wouldn't be able to play.

"That was their mindset: let's just have fun. It was a great group, a fun group to be around."

Gull Lake advances to the Division 2 state semifinals at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Grand Rapids Christian against East Grand Rapids (15-3), a 2-1 winner over Spring Lake last Thursday.

GULL LAKE 1, ST. JOSEPH 0

Goal – DeWitt Renwick.
Assist – AJ Boucher
Shots on goal – St. Joseph 3, Gull Lake 6.
Saves – Preston Nichols (SJ) 5, Braden Minehart (GL) 3.
Halftime score – Gull Lake 1-0.
Records – St. Joseph 14-4-1, Gull Lake 14-2-1

WEEK

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ference was the explosiveness of Michigan State's offense.

Rocky Lombardi had more yards on 17 completions than Michigan's Joe Milton did on 32. The Spartans had five passes of at least 30 yards.

Lombardi threw for 323 yards and three touchdowns. Ricky White had eight catches for 196 yards and a TD. Michigan State did not allow a sack.

"We've got some skilled guys that can make plays," Tucker said. "We felt good about our pass protection with our offensive line."

Michigan looked unprepared for the talent the Spartans have at wide receiver. In addition to White's big game, Jalen Nailor added a 53-yard catch.

"We were making adjustments and they got by us a couple times on a double move as well," Wolverines coach Jim Harbaugh said.

Now in his sixth season at Michigan, Harbaugh hasn't been able to lift the Wolverines to a Big Ten title or a win over Ohio State, but they've generally been a solid Top 25 team and won the games they're supposed to – especially at home.

That made this defeat all the more startling. Michigan looked impressive in its season-opening victory over Minnesota, but some of the luster came off that when the Golden Gophers lost to Maryland on Friday night.

Now the Wolverines are reeling. Milton put up solid numbers in defeat, but Michigan didn't run the ball as effectively as it had against Minnesota, and the defense gave up too many big plays.

In one week, the football crisis in the state moved from East Lansing to Ann Arbor.

"We've got to own the loss and come back and find out where we can improve," Harbaugh said. "This is a high-character team and we'll do just that."

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Coloma cross country teams reach state finals

By HP STAFF

Both Coloma's boys and girls cross country teams qualified for the Division 3 state finals at Saturday's regional at Portage West Middle School.

Coloma girls placed second, matching regional champion Bloomingdale's score of 82 but losing out on the sixth-runner tiebreaker. Ava Genovese led the Comets by placing fourth in 20:20.60. Bridgman's Karsyn Stewart was an individual state qualifier, coming in fifth at 20:24.9.

Boden Genovese led the Coloma boys with a fourth-place finish in 17:20.40. The Comets were third as a team with 79 points.

Individual qualifiers included Watervliet's Ezra Troyer in fifth at 17:27.26, along with Bridgman's Luke Blesy in seventh at 17:33.63 and John Sanderson in ninth at 17:46.14.

Lakeshore's Race Bettich was the Division 2 boys regional champion, finishing in 16:16.53. The Lancers came in fourth as a team with 97 points, just missing qualification behind third place Vicksburg's 91.

Berrien Springs was second with 82 points to qualify as a team. Sixth-place James Burke (16:55.13) and eighth-place Ashton Sheline (17:02.58) led the Shamrocks. The Berrien Springs girls came in seventh with 166 points, led by Anna Constable in 19th at 21:42.46.

VOLLEYBALL

Division 1 district at Kal. Loy Norrix

PORTAGE NORTHERN D. ST. JOSEPH
25-12, 25-14, 25-17

St. Joseph — Kate Gersonde 14 digs, 2 assists; Emily Watson 1 dig, 3 assists; Kiki Sohn 6 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace; Courtney Koch 2 digs, 1 kill, 1 assist; Hailey Robinson 6 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace; Adriana Pierangeli 1 dig, 1 block, 2 kills, 1 assist; Taylor Valdes 5 digs, 4 kills; Lindsey Piontek 4 digs, 2 kills; Olivia Robinson 3 digs; Karly Klaer 7 digs, 6 kills.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	6	2	0	.750	198	199
Miami	4	3	0	.571	188	130
New England	2	5	0	.286	136	167
N.Y. Jets	0	8	0	.000	94	238

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	198	136
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	208	184
Houston	1	6	0	.143	166	217
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	154	220

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	0	0	1.000	211	142
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	203	132
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	206	237
Cincinnati	2	5	1	.313	194	214

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	1	0	.875	253	152
Las Vegas	4	3	0	.571	187	203
Denver	3	4	0	.429	147	183
L.A. Chargers	2	5	0	.286	179	185

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Phila.	3	4	1	.438	186	205
Washington	2	5	0	.286	133	165
Dallas	2	6	0	.250	185	266
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	122	174

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	206	197
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	222	142
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	179	193
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	209	224

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	2	0	.714	219	187
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	161	166
Detroit	3	4	0	.429	177	206
Minnesota	2	5	0	.286	183	214

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	1	0	.857	240	199
Arizona	5	2	0	.714	203	146
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	193	152
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	208	173

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 25, Carolina 17

Sunday's Games
Buffalo 24, New England 21
Cincinnati 31, Tennessee 20
Indianapolis 41, Detroit 21
Kansas City 35, N.Y. Jets 9
Las Vegas 16, Cleveland 6
Miami 28, L.A. Rams 17
Minnesota 28, Green Bay 22
Pittsburgh 28, Baltimore 24
Denver 31, L.A. Chargers 30
New Orleans 26, Chicago 23, OT
Seattle 37, San Francisco 27
Philadelphia 23, Dallas 9
Open: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 5
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 8
Baltimore at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Cincinnati, Cleveland, L.A. Rams, Philadelphia.

Monday, Nov. 9
New England at N.Y. Jets, 8:15 p.m.

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series
Xfinity 500 Results
at Martinsville Speedway
Lap length: 0.53 miles
Sunday's Results
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (8) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 500 laps, 57 points.
2. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 500, 42.
3. (7) Joey Logano, Ford, 500, 43.
4. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 500, 45.
5. (5) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 500, 40.
6. (3) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 500, 42.
7. (20) Aric Almirola, Ford, 500, 30.
8. (16) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 500, 29.
9. (9) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 500, 37.
10. (12) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 500, 27.
11. (4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 500, 44.
12. (19) Erik Jones, Toyota, 500, 25.
13. (15) Cole Custer, Ford, 500, 24.
14. (31) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 500, 23.
15. (11) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 500, 22.
16. (25) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 500, 21.
17. (6) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 500, 20.
18. (21) Ryan Newman, Ford, 499, 20.
19. (22) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 499, 18.
20. (18) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 499, 17.
21. (32) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 499, 16.
22. (2) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 499, 29.
23. (14) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 498, 14.
24. (17) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 498, 13.
25. (26) Corey Lajoie, Ford, 498, 12.
26. (23) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 498, 11.
27. (29) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 497, 10.
28. (24) Michael McDowell, Ford, 497, 9.
29. (34) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 495, 0.
30. (27) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 495, 8.
31. (38) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 494, 0.
32. (33) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, 490, 0.
33. (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 489, 4.
34. (39) Joey Gase, Ford, electrical, 447, 0.
35. (13) William Byron, Chevrolet, accident, 439, 5.
36. (37) James Davison, Ford, electrical, 422, 1.
37. (30) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, accident, 184, 1.
38. (28) Chris Buescher, Ford, accident, 146, 1.
39. (36) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, electrical, 100, 0.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 71.585 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 40 minutes, 27 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 6.577 seconds.
Caution Flags: 12 for 83 laps.
Lead Changes: 20 among 10 drivers.
Lap Leaders: B.Keselowski 0-3; M.Truex 4-88; C.Elliott 89-112; D.Hamlin 113-133; A.Bowman 134; Ky.Busch 135-139; Ku.Busch 140-162; C.Elliott 163-217; D.Hamlin 218-220; J.Logano 221; D.Hamlin 222-239; C.Elliott 240-266; M.Truex 267; C.Elliott 268-353; J.Logano 354-368; R.Blaney 369-404; J.Logano 405-407; M.Truex 408-442; C.Lajoie 443-448; M.Truex 449-456; C.Elliott 457-500
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): C.Elliott, 5 times for 236 laps; M.Truex, 4 times for 129 laps; D.Hamlin, 3 times for 42 laps; R.Blaney, 1 time for 36 laps; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 23 laps; J.Logano, 3 times for 19 laps; C.Lajoie, 1 time for 6 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 5 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 3 laps; A.Bowman, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: K.Harvick, 9; D.Hamlin, 7; C.Elliott, 4; B.Keselowski, 4; J.Logano, 3; A.Bowman, 1; M.Truex, 1; Ky.Busch, 1; R.Blaney, 1; A.Dillon, 1; Ku.Busch, 1; W.Byron, 1; C.Custer, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. D.Hamlin, 5000; 2. C.Elliott, 5000; 3. B.Keselowski, 5000; 4. J.Logano, 5000; 5. K.Harvick, 2380; 6. A.Bowman, 2346; 7. M.Truex, 2314; 8. Ky.Busch, 2307; 9. R.Blaney, 2293; 10. A.Dillon, 2258; 11. Ku.Busch, 2256; 12. C.Bowyer, 2228; 13. W.Byron, 2218; 14. M.DiBenedetto, 2217; 15. A.Almirola, 2211; 16. C.Custer, 2193.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Clemson (33)	7-0	1515	1
2. Alabama (29)	6-0	1513	2
3. Ohio St.	2-0	1430	3
4. Notre Dame	6-0	1351	4
5. Georgia	4-1	1289	5
6. Cincinnati	5-0	1199	7
7. Texas A&M	4-1	1156	8
8. Florida	3-1	1066	10
9. BYU	7-0	1014	11
10. Wisconsin	1-0	985	9
11. Miami	5-1	946	12
12. Oregon	0-0	831	14
13. Indiana	2-0	765	17
14. Oklahoma St.	4-1	760	6
15. Coastal Carolina	6-0	527	20
16. Marshall	5-0	523	19
17. Iowa St.	4-2	427	23
18. SMU	6-1	420	22
19. Oklahoma	4-2	405	24
20. Southern Cal	0-0	354	21
21. Boise St.	2-0	336	25
22. Texas	4-2	190	-
23. Michigan	1-1	151	13
24. Auburn	4-2	144	-
25. Liberty	6-0	118	-

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 106, Louisiana-Lafayette 101, North Carolina 92, Penn St. 87, Tulsa 73, Army 57, Kansas St. 51, West Virginia 44, Utah 44, Washington 21, Purdue 15, Virginia Tech 11, San Diego St. 8, Arizona St. 7, Appalachian St. 6, Wake Forest 5, Michigan St. 4, California 3.

NCAA's Election Day off sends message, but is it needed?

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

A summer of activism, sparked by protests of racial injustice, led to a grassroots movement to give college athletes the day off from sports on Election Day.

The NCAA latched on to the idea and, under a mandate approved in September, organized athletics will go dark on college campuses across the country. It has not gone over without a hitch: Tuesdays are typically when that week's game plan is first put into action, and there has been grumbling from a few football coaches.

Clemson safety Nolan Turner, who is from the suburbs of Birmingham, Alabama, said Monday he had already voted by absentee ballot.

"We're going to have our typical Tuesday practice today, and then (Tuesday) will kind of be a midweek day, get refreshed, get the body feeling good and really get dialed in on our game plan and what we've got to do against Notre Dame," Turner said of the top-ranked Tigers' trip to Indiana this weekend.

That's the point Turner's coach, Dabo Swinney, was making last month when he said he "didn't understand" the NCAA decision. Many players will have already voted and those that haven't probably wouldn't need all day to do so.

Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said having Tuesday off meant rushing players back on Sunday for weight training, physical rehab and meetings after returning from a road game at Georgia Tech last Saturday night. No. 4 Notre Dame also worked in an additional COVID-19 test for players because of the change in schedule.

"Less than an ideal situation," Kelly said.

Florida coach Dan Mullen said he supports making Election Day a federal holiday and giving everyone a day off from work and school. But last week he called the NCAA's Election Day decision "disappointing."

Florida has held a team voter registration day, Mullen said, and he wanted to get the team together to vote as a group Tuesday.

"We're not allowed to do the organized team activities that day now," Mullen said.

At the height of the protests that came after the police killings of George Floyd in Minneapolis and Breona Taylor in Louisville, it was common for college football players and their coaches to not just take part in campus marches and demonstrations but to lead them.

At Clemson, in particular, star quarterback Trevor Lawrence and his teammates organized an event.

Georgia Tech assistant basketball coach Eric Reveno has been credited with planting the idea of making Election Day an off day for college athletes back in the summer and moving it forward on social media with #AllVoteNoPlay.

Georgia Tech football coach Geoff Collins backed Reveno's idea. Before the NCAA made it official on Sept. 16, individual schools such as UCLA and Minnesota said they would give athletes Nov. 3 off. Texas coach Tom Herman said he planned to do give his team the day off and provide transportation to the polls for those who needed it.

Duke coach David Cutcliffe said the school and athletic department have put a lot of effort into empowering athletes, encouraging them to vote and educating them on how to go about it.

"We've worked very hard with our team so that anybody that wasn't registered is now registered, and we've had our people administratively help them get their ballots, make sure they're voting and have voted," Cutcliffe said.

David Ridpath, a professor of sports business at Ohio University and member of the Drake Group watchdog group for college sports, said it probably wasn't necessary to give the athletes a full day off.

Having it does send a message.

"I certainly don't want to say it was a bad idea by any stretch and it probably was more public relations than anything," Ridpath said.

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING NOV. 3

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	:00 **Your Voice/Your Vote: Election Night 2020** (Left in Progress) (N) (L) CC						
CBS 2 3 22	:00 **CBS News America Decides: Election Night 2020** (Left in Progress) Coverage of the presidential election. (N) (L) CC						
NBC 5 8 16	**Election Night**	**NBC News Special: Decision 2020 Election Night** "Prime East" (N) (L) CC					
FOX 17 222 28 32	**Modern Family**	**FOX Democracy 2020: Election Night** Coverage of the 2020 election. (N) CC				**Fox 17 News at 10:00PM** (N) CC	
PBS 34	6:00 **PBS NewsHour Special: Election 2020** Election night coverage. (N) (L) CC						
CW 25	**Big Bang Theory**	**Penn & Teller: Fool Us** "Magical Moxie"		**Penn & Teller: Fool Us** "Virtual Reality"		**News**	**Seinfeld** CC
MNT 50	**Family Feud**	**Dateline** Two young girls are snatched.		**Chicago P.D.** "Confidential"		**Chicago P.D.** Atwater disappears.	
WCIU 26	**Mike & Molly**	**Penn & Teller: Fool Us** "Magical Moxie"		**Penn & Teller: Fool Us** "Virtual Reality"		**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**
WHME 46	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** "Secrets and Lies"		**Highway to Heaven** "Time in a Bottle"		**Nightly News**	
WGN 9	**News**	**WGN News Election Special** The 2020 presidential election. (N) (L) CC				**WGN News at Nine** (N) (L) CC	
A&E	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	:01 **Storage Wars**	:32 **Storage Wars**
AMC	5:30 **The Godfather** ('72, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. CC				📽 ★★★★ **The Godfather, Part II** ('74) Al Pacino. CC		
Animal	**Alaskan**	**Alaskan Bush People: Wild Life** (N)				**Yukon Men** CC	
BET	**Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins**			**Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family**			
Big Ten	:00 **College Soccer** CC			**College Soccer** Big Ten Semifinal. CC			
Bravo	:00 **Below Deck**	**Chrisley Knows**	**Chrisley Knows**	**Chrisley Knows**	**Chrisley Knows**	**Chrisley Knows**	**Chrisley Knows**
Cartoon	**LEGO DC Shazam**			**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**American**	**American**
Cinemax	★ **Down to You**	📽 **Papi chulo** ('18) Matt Bomer. (P). CC			:40 📽 ★★ **Pulling Strings** ('13) Tom Arnold. (P). CC		
CMT	**Last Man**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**
CNBC	**S. Smith**	**Your Money Your Vote** (N) (L) CC					
CNN	**Election**	**Election Night in America** (N) (L) CC					
Comedy	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**South Park** CC	
Discovery	:00 **Gold Rush** (N)	**Gold Rush** "The Perfect Storm" (N)		**Gold Rush** "Promised Land" Parker expands to a second cut. CC			
Disney	**Raven**	**Bunk'd**	**Bunk'd**	**Bunk'd**	**Raven**	**Raven**	**Raven**
DIY	**Alaska**	**Building Alaska**		**Building Alaska**		**Building Alaska**	
E!	:00 📽 ★★★ **Knocked Up** ('07) CC				📽 ★ **The Ugly Truth** ('09)		
ESPN	**Top 25**	**Gold Glove**		**Films**	**30 for 30**		
ESPN2	**Death**	**Crazy Eights**		**Pogopalooza 2020**		**Slippery**	**Slippery**
ESPNC	6:00 **MLB Baseball**			**Classic-Boxing**		**Boxing**	
Food	**Chopped**	**Chopped** CC		**Chopped** CC		**Chopped** CC	
Fox News	**The Story**	**Tucker Carlson**		**Hannity** (N) CC		**The Ingraham Angle**	
Fox Sports	**Tennis**	**College Football** Alabama-Birmingham at Louisiana Tech.					
Freefrm	**Hunger Games**	📽 ★★★ **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2** ('15, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. CC					
FX	**Hidden Figures**	📽 ★★ **Book Club** ('18) Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda. (P). CC				📽 ★★ **Book Club** ('18) CC	
Golf	**One Shot**	**GOLF Films** CC		**GOLF Films** CC		**GOLF Films** CC	
Hallmark	**Mistletoe**	📽 **The Christmas Club** ('19, Romance) Elizabeth Mitchell, Cameron Mathison. CC				**Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kisses**	
HBO	**Real, Bill Maher**	📽 ★★★ **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** ('11) Judi Dench, Maggie Smith. CC				:05 **The Undoing** "The Missing" CC	
History	**Oak Is**	**The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper** An elusive flood tunnel.					
HGTV	**Fixer to**	**Fixer to Fabulous** (N)		**Fixer to Fabulous** (N)		**Hunters**	**Hunt Intl**
Learning	**Welcome**	**Welcome**		**Welcome**		**Welcome**	
Lifetime	**Christmas**	📽 **Christmas in Louisiana** ('19) Jana Kramer, Barry Bostwick, Dee Wallace. CC				:03 📽 **A Christmas in Tennessee**	
MSNBC	6:00 **Election Night: Decision 2020** (N) (L) CC						
MTV	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**
NBCSCH	**Inside**	**White Sox Rewind** From July 29, 2020. (N)					
NFL	**NFL Total**	**NFL Football** Teams TBA. (Taped) CC					
Nick	**Loud**	**Sponge.**	**Sponge.**	**Movie** CC			
NGEO	**Life Be**	**Life Below Zero**		**Primal Survivor**		**Primal Survivor** (N)	
Oxygen	:00 **Chicago P.D.**	**Chicago P.D.** "Ride Along"		**Chicago P.D.** "Fathers and Sons"		**Chicago P.D.** "Trigger" CC (DVS)	
Parmt	:00 📽 ★★★★ **Rocky** ('76) Sylvester Stallone. CC					📽 ★★ **Rocky IV**	
Showtime	**The Good Lord Bird**	**Ray Donovan** "Handshake Deal" CC		**Inside the NFL** (N) CC		**The Best of All the Smoke**	
Starz	:27 📽 **The Mortician** ('11) Method Man, Dash Mihok. CC			**The Spanish Princess** CC		📽 ★★ **Premonition** ('07) CC	
STZENC	:08 📽 ★★ **Night at the Museum** ('06) Ben Stiller. CC			📽 ★ **A Night at the Roxbury** ('98, Comedy) Will Ferrell. CC			**Beth Cooper**
SyFy	**Futurama** CC	**Futurama** CC	**Futurama** CC	**Futurama** CC	**Futurama** CC	**Futurama** CC	:31 **Futurama**
TBS	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**The Misery Index**
TCM	**Dr. Strangelove**	**Women Make Film** CC		:15 📽 ★★ **Outrage** ('50, Drama) Mala Powers, Tod Andrews, Robert Clarke. CC			
TMC	6:25 📽 **Dick** ('99)	📽 **The Go-Go's** ('20, Documentary) CC			:40 📽 ★★ **The Last Days of Disco** ('98) Chloë Sevigny. CC		
TNT	**Star Wars**	📽 ★★ **The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies** ('14)					
Travel	**Dead**	**The Dead Files** "Property of Evil" (N) CC				**The Dead Files** (N)	
TV Land	**Andy G.**	**Raymond**	**Everybody Raymond**		**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**
USA	6:00 📽 **Sweet Home Alabama** ('02)	📽 ★★ **The Proposal** ('09) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.					
VH1	**Martin**	**Prince**	**Prince**	**Prince**	**Prince**	**Prince**	**Prince**
WGN-A	:00 **NewsNation Election 2020: Your Vote, Your Nation** (N) (L) CC						

Grandma raising young girls grows tired of mom's antics

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am raising my two granddaughters and trying to allow their mother, my daughter, to visit with them. My problem is, the entire time she is with us, she stays on her phone or Snapchat. Last weekend, I drove to the place where she resides, and the whole time we were there she ignored the girls. I have a ton of family and friends who say I'm wrong for allowing her to even see the girls, period. I don't want to be the bad guy when they grow up. Help, Abby. – For Their Good In Ohio

DEAR FOR THEIR GOOD: Either your daughter doesn't know how to relate to her children, which is why she stays on her cellphone when you bring them to her, or she's not interested in creating a bond since she has offloaded them to you. Talk with your daughter. Tell her that if she isn't prepared to actually spend time with her children, you will stop bringing them, and then follow through. Children aren't stupid. They know when someone is interested in them and when they are being ignored. In the end, you won't be the "bad guy" in their eyes.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing because I'm sure other grandparents have faced the same issue as I have. I enjoy sending my grandchildren cards with a small check for special occasions or as a reward for doing well in school, etc. My son and daughter-in-law have a reward system set up with my grandson where he receives an allowance for doing his chores, but has money deducted if he doesn't.

I sent my grandson a small check with his birthday card, but my son informed me that he will be able to keep only $2 of it, because he's in the hole for not doing his chores. I feel the check was a gift and should have been kept separate from the rewards program. Who is right – my son or me? – Generous Gran In Washington

DEAR GRAN: I think you are. But since your son and daughter-in-law dictate what goes on under their roof, it doesn't matter what you and I think. The rules are the rules, and your grandson needs to get off his behind and catch up on those chores!

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are snowbirds and head south for a few sunny months every winter. We rent in an active adults community and enjoy all the clubs and sports. Our problem is the number of relatives and friends who invite themselves down for a free vacation.

Unless I specifically call and invite you, I am not interested in spending my vacation – which is costing me a pretty penny – making beds, washing towels, cooking much more elaborate meals than my husband and I usually eat and ferrying you around to see the sights. Feel free to rent your own place or stay in a hotel wherever you wish, but please do not include us in your plans. Thank you, Abby, for letting me get that off my chest! – Answer Is No

DEAR ANSWER: You are welcome. That's what I am here for. But you are venting to the wrong person. This is something you should express to each of the friends and relatives who think they can continue to impose upon you. Who can blame them? They thought your silence was consent.

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Single parent would like some help, not the cavalry

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband walked out on my children and me a few years ago. He supports the kids financially, but in all other ways he's a ghost to us.

In the very early days, I found single parenthood positively grueling, and I asked my family for whatever sort of help they could give.

What I got was a *ton* of help: meals brought to us, overnight babysitters, my brothers took the kids to sporting events to keep them busy, my sister dropped by twice a week to help with dinner duty. It was all wonderful, until it wasn't.

It was too many people in my space, questioning my kids' well-being, and ultimately it made me feel crazy and incompetent. I also did not like the message it sent to my sons, that being under Mom's solo care = awful crisis.

So after a few weeks, I asked them all to stop helping. I said it nicely – "Thanks so much for all the help, it's time for me and the kids to practice our new normal." And the message was received, and the help abruptly stopped.

But now we are back in the weeds, and I would like to reach out to some of the same people, but without having them try to take over our lives again. Do you think I can finesse that? – Don't Want the Cavalry

DEAR DON'T WANT THE CAVALRY: I'm sorry that your husband was a bust and that you're overwhelmed again.

I can understand, too, why you see your experience as a warning, but I think it also works well as assurance: You know people you can lean on, you know the downsides of that, and you know they'll listen to you. You know how to say, "Thank you, now please leave me alone."

That's actually pretty great, no?

If possible, this time, tap only the people who were on the less intrusive end of the scale. Or, be specific about what you would find most helpful, so you ask only X or Y and for Z amount of time instead of activating the entire cavalry at once.

If you don't have that luxury, then so be it – if you need the help, then you need the help. It's OK. Either it's the help you need at an annoying but affordable price, or they might surprise you and intrude less given that you've managed for years on your own.

That in itself counters the message you fear, that "Mom's solo care = awful crisis" – but there's another good message for your sons, that family = support.

REGARDING SOLO CARE: There was never another time in history where one woman alone was expected to provide everything all the time for her children.

There were always family, friends, neighbors, tribe members, etc., around and everybody participated in caring for kids. Please ditch the idea you have to do it all alone. Having other people help you is *good* for your kids.

I bet they don't see a crisis at all, they probably *love* when auntie comes over for dinner and when uncle takes them to ballgames. And I'm sure your siblings love spending time with them.

See it as family taking care of each other and spending time together. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Love this, thanks.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Speak
4 Eye part
8 Low cloud
11 Ornamental knot
12 Verne's skipper
13 Bronte's governess
14 Historical period
15 Brief swims
16 Jeer at
17 Famous wizard
19 Caviar
21 Jagged tear
22 Probabilities
25 Flower product
29 Not at home
31 Least-varying tide
34 Charged particle
35 Ibsen heroine
36 Pointers
37 1960s style
38 You said it!
39 P.m. units
40 Felt
42 Cartoon shrieks
44 Guitar part
47 Bonn connector
49 Comes to terms
51 River in England
54 Is, in Segovia
56 Dit partner
57 Pinion
58 Online journal
59 Collection of tales
60 Tell a fib
61 Use a keyboard
62 Toupee, slangily

DOWN
1 Flower part
2 Buenos —
3 Feel nostalgic
4 Deep blue
5 Harness piece
6 Holy terror
7 Mediocre (hyph.)
8 Just so you know
9 Regal emblem
10 Slangy thousand
13 Mild oath
18 Reindeer herders
20 Baron — Richthofen
23 Ensure failure
24 You bet!
26 Whitewash component
27 Fish-eating bird
28 Purposes
30 Ecru
31 Ultimate degree
32 Blarney Stone site
33 Church alcove
35 Auto-safety advocate
40 9-digit no.
41 Betroth
43 — fu
45 It repels moths
46 Actor — Reeves
48 Liability
49 Surmounting
50 Thick carpet
51 Hole puncher
52 Sundial seven
53 Wallet stuffer
55 Furtive

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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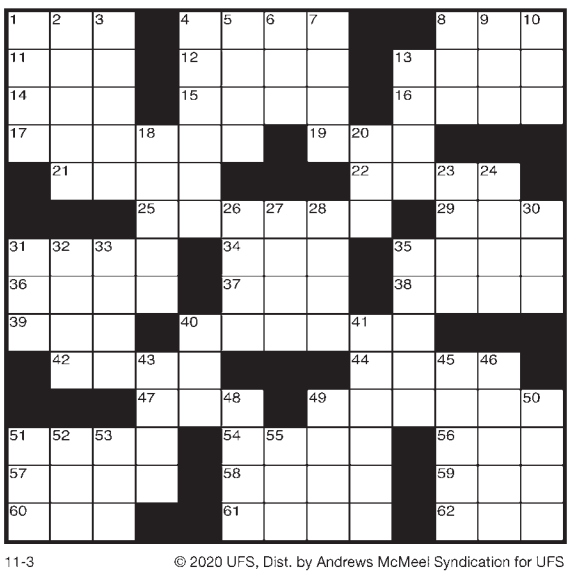

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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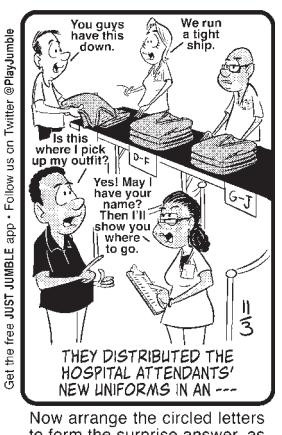
ODMME

RRHOBA

FIYNAM


You guys have this down.
We run a tight ship.
Is this where I pick up my outfit?
D-F
G-J
Yes! May I have your name? Then I'll show you where to go.
THEY DISTRIBUTED THE HOSPITAL ATTENDANTS' NEW UNIFORMS IN AN ---
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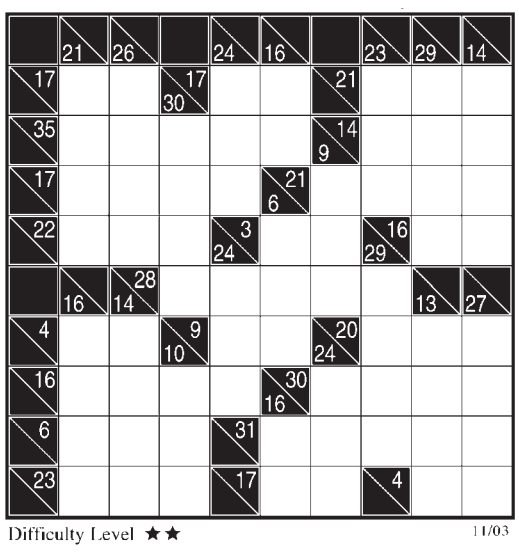
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

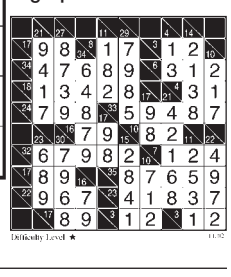
Yesterday's Jumbles: DITTO EVENT BOUGHT CEMENT
Answer: Because the abacus was old and falling apart, it couldn't — BE COUNTED ON

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 11/03

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Did you see that the influenza numbers in Australia plummeted from 2019 to 2020?

As you can guess, today's deal features players from that interesting country. It is taken from the match between Australia and Sweden at the 17th World Youth Team Championships, held in 2018 in Wujiang, China.

When Sweden sat North-South, its pair found the longest fit, playing in six clubs with nine trumps instead of six diamonds with only eight. However, the contract had no chance after East led the heart ace. Declarer (North) did not have the communications to pick up both minors and finished down one.

In the given auction, East's two-diamond overcall was the equivalent of a Michaels Cue-Bid, showing at least 5-5 in the majors. (This permits a two-club overcall to be natural.) South's double promised length and strength in at least one major and interest in trying to extract a penalty from the opponents. North's four no-trump indicated a minor two-suiter with longer clubs than diamonds. Then, when South preferred diamonds, North raised.

West led the heart eight. East won with his ace and shifted to a spade. Not good enough. The declarer, Francesca McGrath, won with her ace, took two diamond finesses, played a club to the ace, cashed the club king, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, drew West's last trump and claimed.

The winning defense against six diamonds was for East to lead his club at trick two. Stranded on the board, declarer would have been unable to reach her hand to pick up the diamond queen. Tough!

North 11-03-20
♠ —
♥ 2
♦ A K 10 7 3
♣ A K 10 7 6 5 2

West
♠ K J 9 5 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q 8 5
♣ Q J 9

East
♠ Q 10 8 7 4
♥ A Q 9 5 4
♦ 6 2
♣ 8

South
♠ A 6 3
♥ K J 10 7 3
♦ J 9 4
♣ 4 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	2♦
Dbl.	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

			4	9	8	3		6
3		4					5	
6	9			3	2		8	1
	4	9	3	2				
7				1				9
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4	1		2	5			9	3
	7					6		5
5		3	9	8	6			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	7	4	3	9	6	1	2	5
6	1	5	7	2	4	8	3	9
9	3	2	5	1	8	4	7	6
4	9	1	8	7	2	5	6	3
5	8	7	4	6	3	2	9	1
3	2	6	1	5	9	7	4	8
7	6	3	2	8	5	9	1	4
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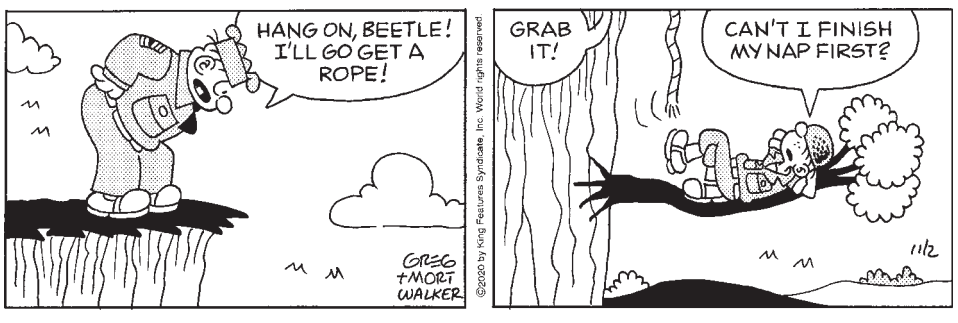
BEETLE BAILEY


HANG ON, BEETLE! I'LL GO GET A ROPE!
GREG + MORT WALKER
GRAB IT!
CAN'T I FINISH MY NAP FIRST?
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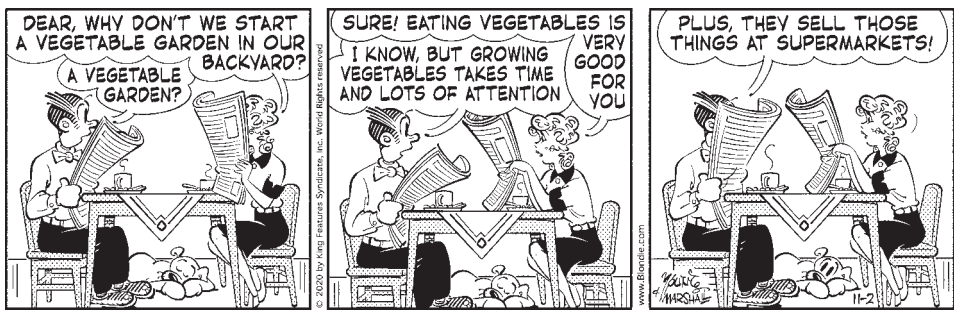
DEAR, WHY DON'T WE START A VEGETABLE GARDEN IN OUR BACKYARD?
A VEGETABLE GARDEN?
SURE! EATING VEGETABLES IS VERY GOOD FOR YOU
I KNOW, BUT GROWING VEGETABLES TAKES TIME AND LOTS OF ATTENTION
PLUS, THEY SELL THOSE THINGS AT SUPERMARKETS!
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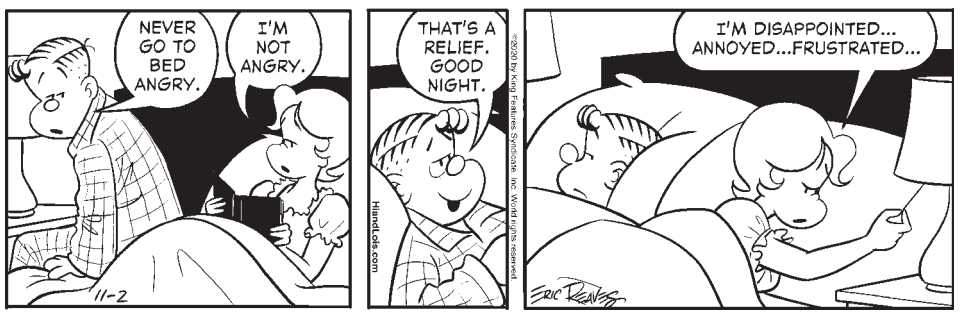
FAMILY CIRCUS

"I think my rake needs to be flossed."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I DON'T THINK BEING A GROWNUP IS AS MUCH FUN AS IT SOUNDS."

HI & LOIS



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ABSOLUTELY!
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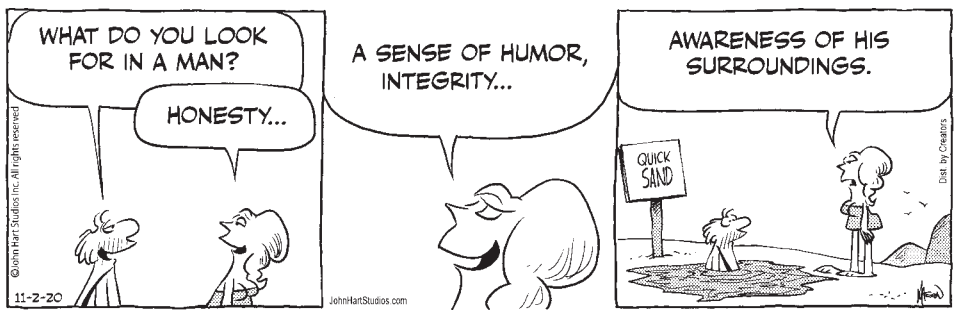

CURTIS

I GOT MY FLU SHOT
DID IT HURT?
DIDYA CRY?
MEH
MEH
THAT'S MY OL' MAN! HE AIN'T SKERRED OF NO NEEDLE! NO WIMPS IN THIS FAMILY, NO SIR!!
MY ARM IS REALLY SORE.
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WIZARD OF ID

THAT'S WHERE MY PRIZE BUCK WILL HANG THIS YEAR
HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT REALISTIC NATURE SCULPTURES?
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ZITS

DILBERT

LATER I HAVE A MEETING ABOUT BLOCKCHAIN AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
I'LL BE WEARING THIS EARPIECE, AND I WANT YOU TO FEED ME SMART LINES.
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DO YOU WANT TO DO SOME-THING EVIL?
SAY NO MORE. I GIVE ME THAT.
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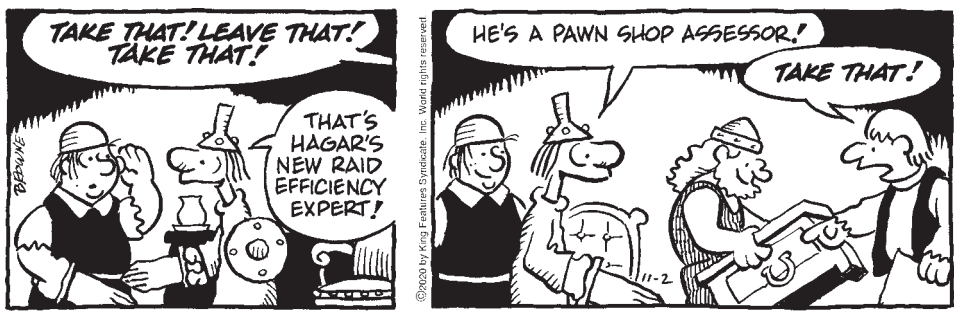
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


TAKE THAT! LEAVE THAT! TAKE THAT!
THAT'S HAGAR'S NEW RAID EFFICIENCY EXPERT!
HE'S A PAWN SHOP ASSESSOR!
TAKE THAT!
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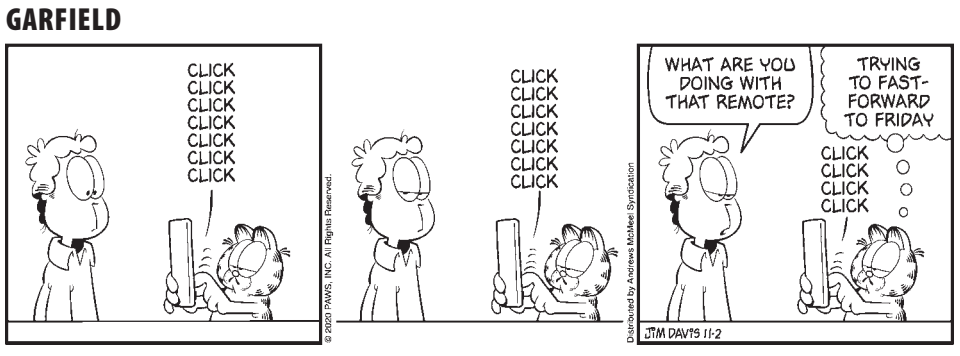
GARFIELD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WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT REMOTE?
TRYING TO FAST-FORWARD TO FRIDAY
CLICK CLICK CLICK
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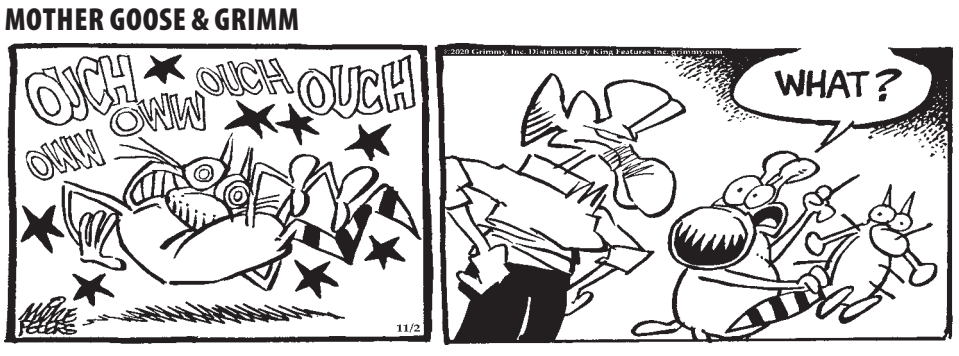
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



FORT KNOX

FIDEL NEEDS TO HIBERNATE.
HE HASN'T HIBERNATED IN YEARS.
YES AND MY HOLIDAYS HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH ABSOLUTE TERROR.
SO WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THIS MAN-EATING BEAST?
UNDER YOUR BED.
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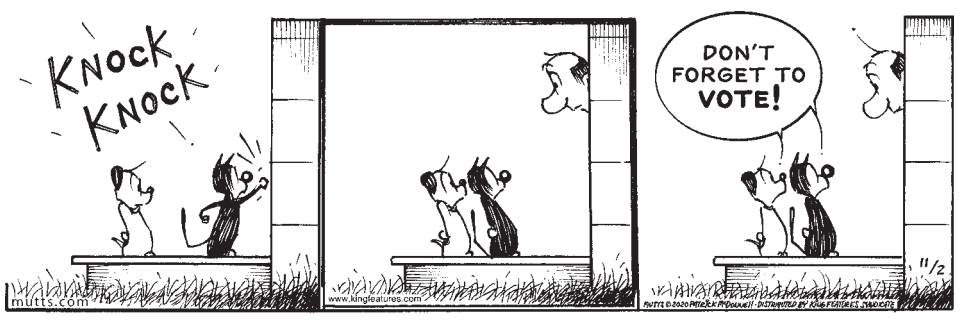

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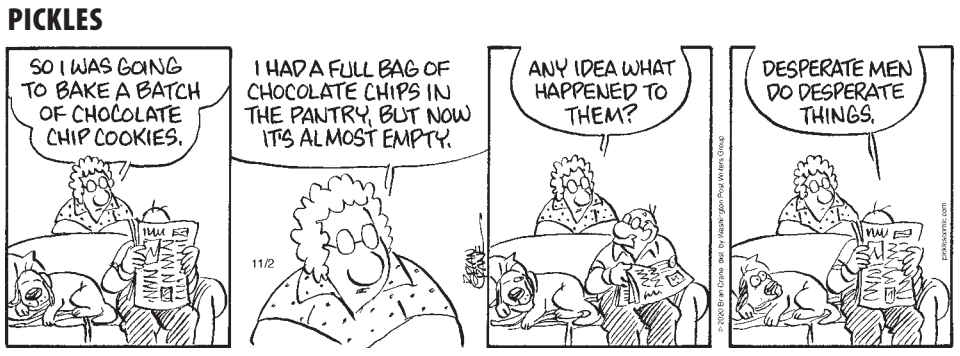
SO I WAS GOING TO BAKE A BATCH OF CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES.
I HAD A FULL BAG OF CHOCOLATE CHIPS IN THE PANTRY, BUT NOW IT'S ALMOST EMPTY.
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ANY IDEA WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
DESPERATE MEN DO DESPERATE THINGS.
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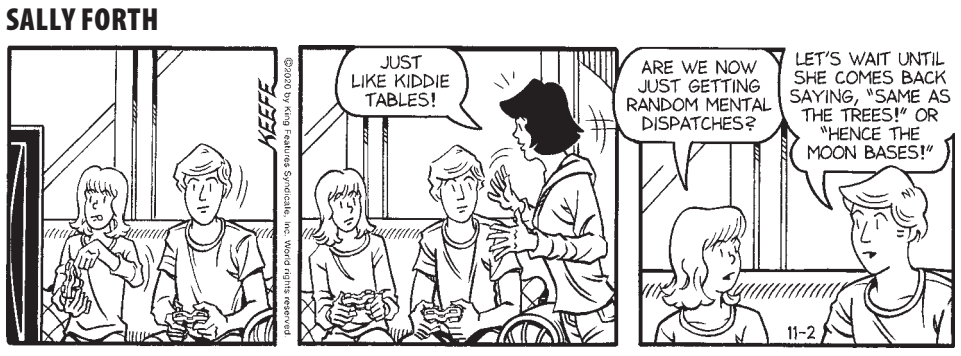
KEEFE
JUST LIKE KIDDIE TABLES!
ARE WE NOW JUST GETTING RANDOM MENTAL DISPATCHES?
LET'S WAIT UNTIL SHE COMES BACK SAYING, "SAME AS THE TREES!" OR "HENCE THE MOON BASES!"
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The Herald-Palladium

DON'T MISS

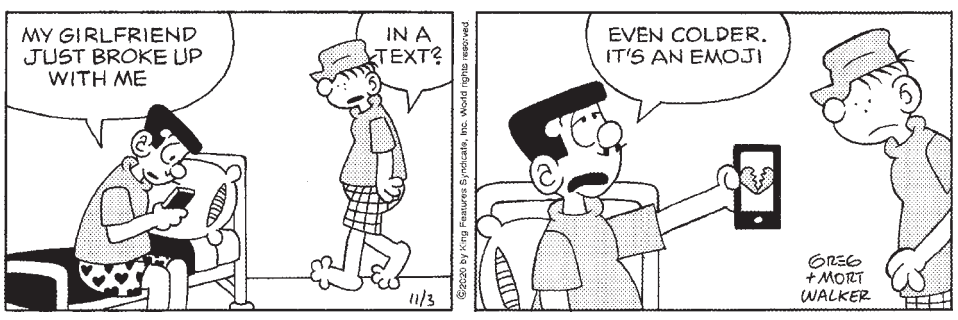
THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

Included in the Saturday edition

Parade
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020 | PARADE.COM
Plus Jamie Oliver's Seared Steak p. 14
Gifts THAT DO Good
How to support a cause, buy local or give a pet a home this holiday season
TheraBreath
Why is this MOUTHWASH more important than EVER?
(ANSWER INSIDE)

BEETLE BAILEY



BLONDIE

QUICK SURVEY, MR. BUMHEAD... WHOM DID YOU VOTE FOR?
I DON'T DISCUSS POLITICS... AND IT'S BUMSTEAD!
VERY WELL...DO YOU MIND IF I ASK WHAT YOU'RE HAVING FOR DINNER?
ROAST BEEF AND MASHED POTATOES
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FINALLY...A SURVEY QUESTION THAT'S MEANINGFUL!
THANKS, MR. BUMHEAD
BUM-STEAD!!

HI & LOIS

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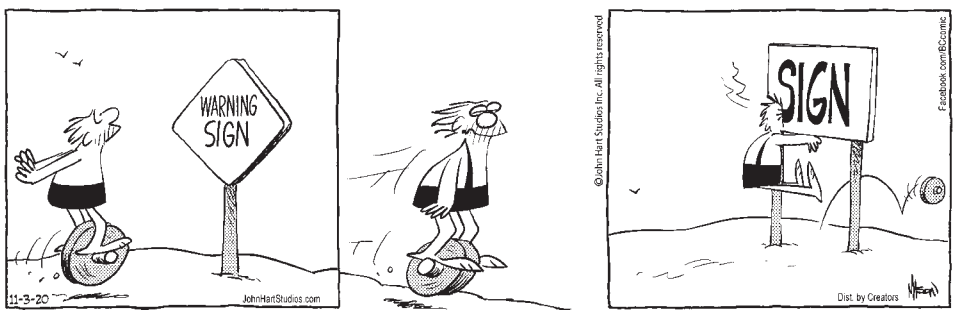

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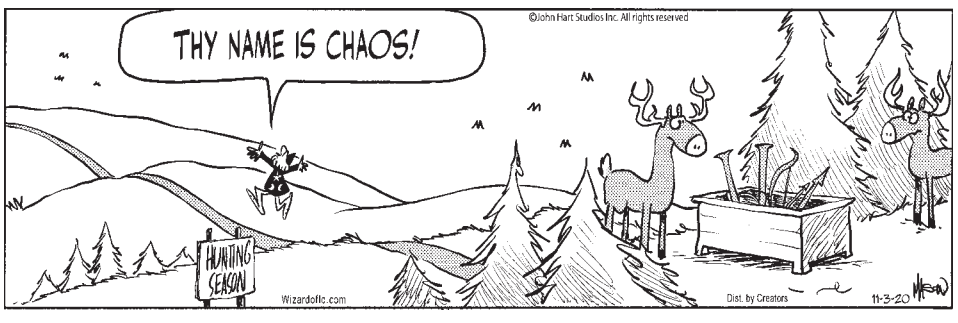

DILBERT

I'M NO EXPERT ON BLOCKCHAIN, BUT I THINK. . .
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
. . . WE NEED TO GET THE EVM STACK ON THE BYTECODE SO WE DON'T RUN INTO A CONSENSUS FORK.
DID THAT MEAN ANY-THING?
DON'T ASK ME. I'M BLUFFING TOO.
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GARFIELD

I LOVE THE SOUND OF FALLING RAIN
IT REMINDS ME OF BACON SIZZLING
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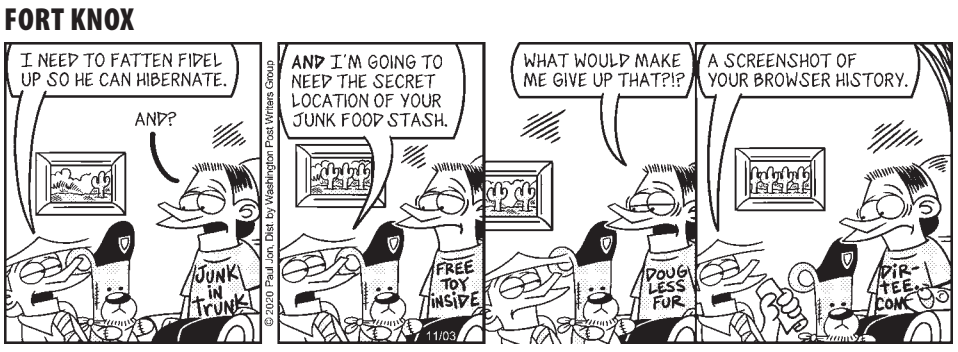
I NEED TO FATTEN FIDEL UP SO HE CAN HIBERNATE.
AND?
JUNK in TRUNK
AND I'M GOING TO NEED THE SECRET LOCATION OF YOUR JUNK FOOD STASH.
FREE TOY INSIDE
11/03
WHAT WOULD MAKE ME GIVE UP THAT?!?
DOUG LESS FOR
A SCREENSHOT OF YOUR BROWSER HISTORY.
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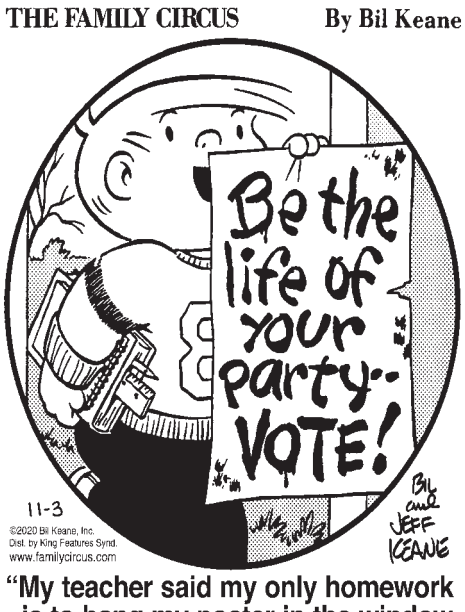
PICKLES

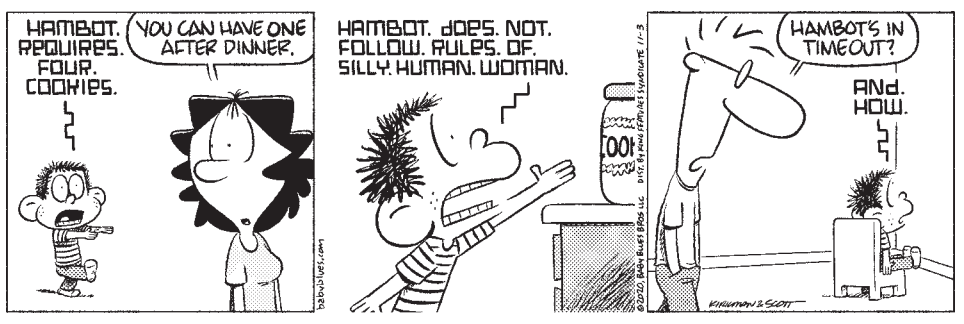
FAMILY CIRCUS



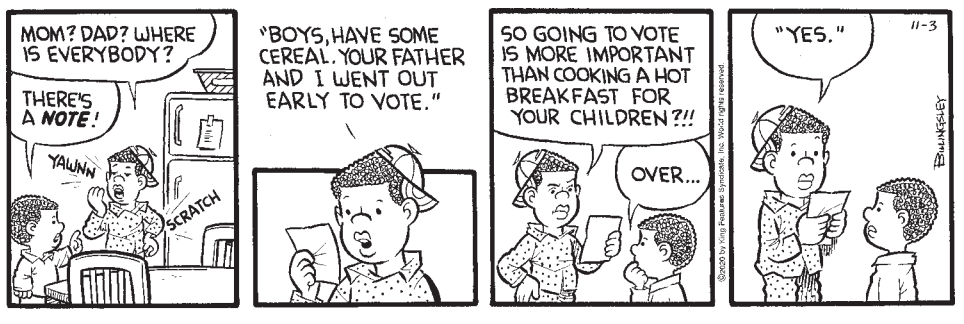
"My teacher said my only homework is to hang my poster in the window where all our neighbors can see it."

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


HAMBOT. REQUIRES. FOUR. COOKIES.
YOU CAN HAVE ONE AFTER DINNER.
babyblues.com
HAMBOT. DOES. NOT. FOLLOW. RULES. OF. SILLY. HUMAN. WOMAN.
HAMBOT'S IN TIMEOUT?
AND. HOW.

CURTIS


MOM? DAD? WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
THERE'S A NOTE!
YAWNN
SCRATCH
"BOYS, HAVE SOME CEREAL. YOUR FATHER AND I WENT OUT EARLY TO VOTE."
SO GOING TO VOTE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN COOKING A HOT BREAKFAST FOR YOUR CHILDREN?!!
OVER...
"YES."
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BRINKLEY

ZITS

DO YOU LIKE THIS SONG, JEREMY?
NOT REALLY.
WHY NOT?
I DUNNO. I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT.
WELL, I LIKE IT!
YEAH, THAT'S IT.
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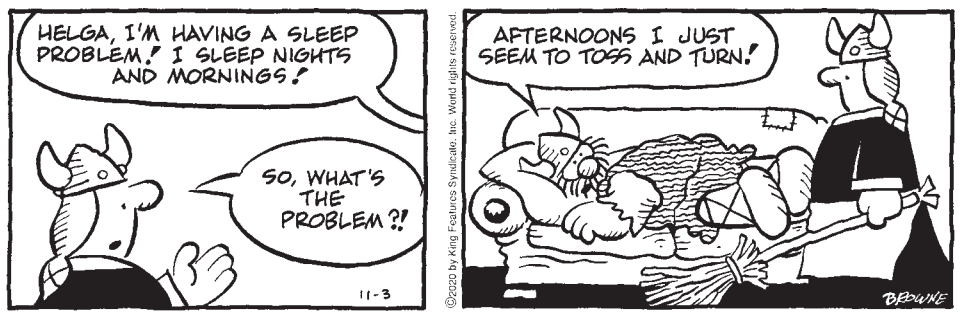
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HELGA, I'M HAVING A SLEEP PROBLEM! I SLEEP NIGHTS AND MORNINGS!
SO, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?!
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AFTERNOONS I JUST SEEM TO TOSS AND TURN!
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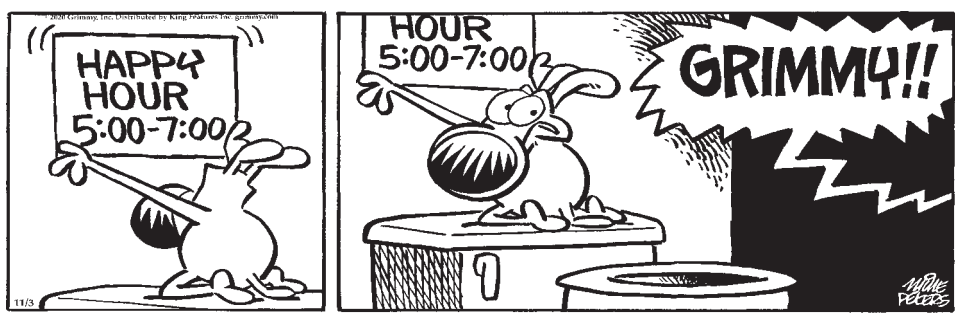
BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



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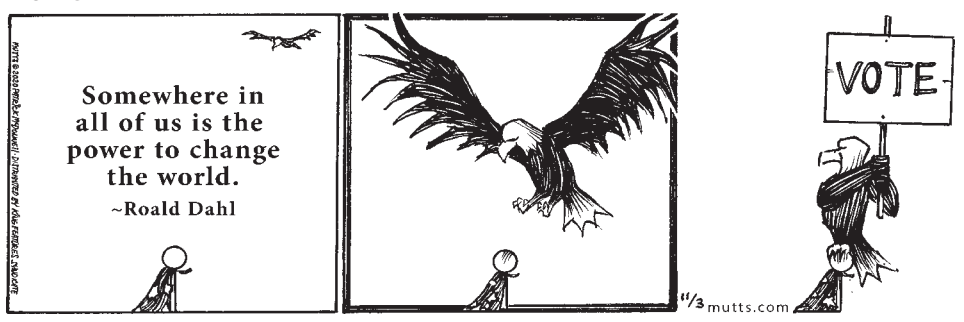
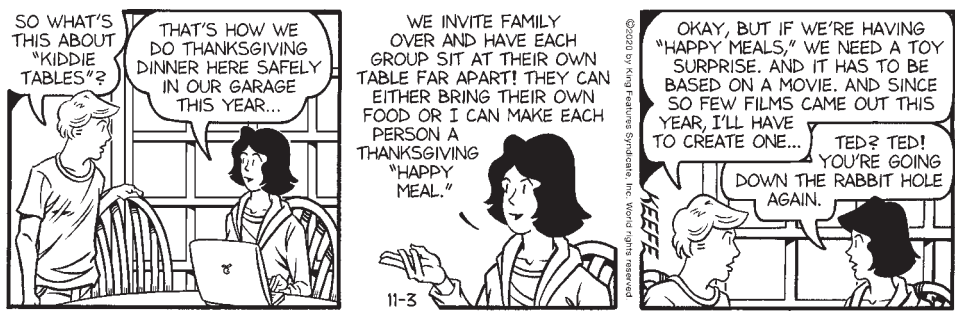


SALLY FORTH


SO WHAT'S THIS ABOUT "KIDDIE TABLES"?
THAT'S HOW WE DO THANKSGIVING DINNER HERE SAFELY IN OUR GARAGE THIS YEAR...
WE INVITE FAMILY OVER AND HAVE EACH GROUP SIT AT THEIR OWN TABLE FAR APART! THEY CAN EITHER BRING THEIR OWN FOOD OR I CAN MAKE EACH PERSON A THANKSGIVING "HAPPY MEAL."
11-3
OKAY, BUT IF WE'RE HAVING "HAPPY MEALS," WE NEED A TOY SURPRISE. AND IT HAS TO BE BASED ON A MOVIE. AND SINCE SO FEW FILMS CAME OUT THIS YEAR, I'LL HAVE TO CREATE ONE...
TED? TED! YOU'RE GOING DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE AGAIN.
KEEFE

The Herald-Palladium CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Desk: 1-855-317-4292
Hours: Monday - Friday 8am-4pm EST
Saturday & Sunday 8am-11am EST

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3 Bedroom Lower,

Includes air conditioning.

1/2 basement with washer and dryer

No pets!

$900 per month

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Plus electric

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1, 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom
Apartments for rent.
Pet Friendly

Call 219-362-0350

HOMES FOR RENT

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1 bedroom corner lot. Includes washer and dryer plus stove and fridge. $700 a month plus deposit and lease. Call 219-851-3400

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LEGALS

LEGALS

Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority is looking to purchase and have installed cameras in our facility at 275 E Wall St. Benton Harbor, Michigan. The request for quote can be obtained at Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority at 275 E. Wall St. Benton Harbor, MI 49022 or send an email to: dking@tcatabus.org requesting a copy of Request for Quote. Equal Opportunity Employer / Women and Minorities are Encouraged to Apply.

HOUSE HUNTING?
Watch For Our Open House Ads In The Classifieds!

LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
TRIAL COURT-FAMILY DIVISION

CASE NO. 2020-0073-NA-D

IN THE MATTER OF:
Kalli Michelle Hall

TAKE NOTICE:
A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minor(s):

Kallie Michelle Hall
was born on 3/29/2014
in
St. Joseph County, Indiana.

The mother of the minor(s) is Kimberly Anne Hall. If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at the **Berrien County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Courtroom 327, St. Joseph, Michigan,** on 11/24/2020 at 2:30 p.m. to state any interest you may have in the minor(s).

Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOUND

Buchanan, MI
Two Dogs Found on Garr Rd (between Little Glendora & Grange) on Saturday 10/17
1 brown female &
1 black/dark brown male - both friendly with people.
Must show proof of ownership
Text or leave msg.
(269) 362-6001 or
Leave voicemail
(269) 449-8328

EMPLOYMENT

EDUCATION/TEACHING

School Guidance Counselor

River Valley School District
Employment info at:
www.rivervalley schools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

Special Education Paraprofessional JV Baseball Coach

River Valley School District
Employment info at:
www.river valleyschools.org
Deadline: Until filled

GENERAL HELP

Stevensville, MI
Delivery Crew Assistant
$13-20 / hour
Drivers License Required
Assist on Deliveries
Perform Cleanings
General Help
Sensationalhottubs @att.net

Benton Harbor, MI
SECURITY OFFICERS:
Part time, days, no weekends.
Retirees welcome.
Please call
(574) 232-9653
M-F 11am-4pm.
EOE

GENERAL HELP

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time Assistant City Manager to assist in directing the preparation of plans, policies and programs to guide the growth and conservation of the City. Working with department directors, manages physical planning and land development, economic development, City building codes and land use regulations, housing conservation and rehabilitation, and community development activities. Communicates before various audiences on complex and sensitive issues. Serves as the City's Harbormaster. Assists City Manager with functions of general government administration and special projects.

Bachelor's degree in public administration, urban planning, business administration or related field is required. Master's degree in public administration or planning is preferred.

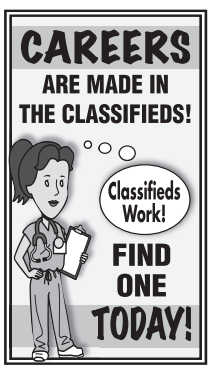
To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources. Deadline for application is 11/20/20. EOE

The City of St. Joseph is accepting applications/resumes for the position of Water & Sewer Serviceperson. Knowledge of water and sewer systems is desirable. Applicants are required to have a valid MI driver's license with CDL Class A and N endorsements and pass a pre-placement physical, including drug screen. Please submit your application/resume to the City of St. Joseph Personnel Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email to lmoore@sjcity.com by Friday, November 13, 2020. Application and full job description also available online at www.sjcity.com.

FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

MERCHANDISE



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For Sale
Bubble Wrap Foil Insulation
100 ft Rolls
4' 5' 6' wide
Insulate your homes, pole barns, dog houses, etc.
Half price, will keep 97% of heat in home.
cheap!!
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Benton Harbor, MI
3 Pillars Music is looking to buy record albums from 1970s to present, older guitars and comic books.
Please contact Tom at 269-313-7001 or 3pillarsmusic@gmail.com

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

La Porte, IN
4 snow tires
New 185/60R15
Ford rims.
$500.00 OBO
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PETS

PET SERVICES

LaPORTE

German Shepherds

- 6 weeks old
- 4 females, 3 males
- $300

Call (219) 874-2190
Leave a message

FARM

TRANSPORTATION

The Herald-Palladium

Now Hiring

Newspaper Inserter

The Herald-Palladium is looking to add to our current staff for our production/distribution department. The main function of the position is to work as part of a team while operating the equipment to insert advertisements into the newspapers produced at our print site. Must have attention to detail to ensure the products are inserted properly.

Job Type: Part-time

For an application, email Bruce btheisen@heraldpalladium.com

No Calls Please!

Trade Lines

Tradeline home delivery routes opening (once a week delivery). Please contact Julie Simpleman to apply 269-429-1877

1. Saint Joseph - East of Niles Ave: St. Joseph Dr. into downtown St. Joe $150/2weeks

2. Baroda - Linco to West Hinchman and East, as far as Hollywood Rd. $75.00/2weeks

3. Benton Harbor - Meadowbrook/Sodus Parkway area to E. Empire and East, as far as M140 $240/2weeks

4. Berrien Springs - Area off of Old 31/M 139 - John Beers Rd to East Lemon Creek and West, as far as Hollywood Rd. $270/2 weeks

CARS FOR SALE

St. Joseph, MI
2012 VW Eos
Hard top convertible
Silver with beige leather interior,
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Great condition
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Look at the possibilities and use your strengths to get ahead. Dismiss negativity and people who drag you down. Clear a path to a better future. Balance and integrity will be crucial to your success. Be respectful and honorable, and don't hesitate to take the lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Walk away from situations that appear risky and avoid people who are trying to take advantage of you. Think twice before you donate money or get involved in a costly venture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep an open dialogue to offset accusations of evasive behavior. Don't let a money matter get out of hand. Joint ventures are discouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you say something in haste, you will regret it. You are better off biding your time and listening to others. You may want change, but sound judgment and proper motives are essential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make positive changes at home that will add to your comfort and bring you closer to your loved ones. Put muscle behind your plans. Romance is favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you are too quick to react, you will upset someone you love. Make a change that can help you get back on track or encourage a better way to earn a living.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take a closer look at places you want to visit or courses you wish to take. Expanding your options and adding to your resume will help you find a more rewarding path. Romance is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be offered invalid information from someone you thought trustworthy. Verify what you hear before you pass along anything that will make you look bad. You are only as good as your word.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your charm and flirtatious ways will work wonders for you. Keep your promises and avoid giving someone the wrong impression. Make personal improvements, fitness and health priorities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't get upset over things you cannot change. Taking a unique approach to your responsibilities will set you apart from any competition you face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Align yourself reliable people. Be direct, and refuse to make a decision or move without verification. Self-improvement is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Offer suggestions, but don't force your opinions on others. It's crucial to maintain peace and integrity going forward. If uncertainty sets in, back away. Don't mix business with pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Learn all you can and look for ways to improve your health, appearance, knowledge and relationships with others. Distance yourself from individuals who are demanding, excessive or disruptive.

We Got 'Em Right Here In Our Classifeds!

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No telephone calls please! We will not reveal the name of the box holder.
(A) Reply with your sealed letter Addressed as follows:

Box (# that appears in ad)
c/o the Herald-Palladium
P.O. Box 128
St. Joseph, MI
49085-0128

If you wish to reply to a box number and NOT have your letter sent to certain firms, then: B) attach a note listing which firms are NOT to receive your letter; and (C) send every thing in ANOTHER E N V E L O P E addressed as follows:

The Herald-Palladium
Classified Department
P.O. Box 128
St. Joseph, MI
49085-0128

If the advertiser is among the names you don't want to contact, we will destroy your sealed letter.

E-Mail Responses

You may also reply to ads with Herald-Palladium box numbers by e-mail. Do not attach your resume rather type it or copy & paste it directly into your e-mail program. Send your e-mail to: jobs@heraldpalladium.com

If you wish to reply to a box number and NOT have your letter sent to certain firms, then begin your e-mail with any company(s) where you do not wish to apply. Then include the Herald-Palladium box address as shown above.

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To protect our readers, Herald-Palladium policy requires that all companies list their names when placing ads in our publication. Employment advertisers who wish to remain anonymous must rent Herald-Palladium boxes so that we can insure our readers that they are not responding to their current employers or any other company to which they do not wish to apply.

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$25. per box- We mail responses to you once per week.
When readers respond to your ad via e-mail, we will forward them to you immediately if you provide us with an e-mail address or we will print and handle them in the manner that you request.

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